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811	111050	AND COPY BLACK FBI RAP SHEET RE	3/3	3/3	dups 3
812	111050	CONCERNING BLACK HQ LTR TO PH RE INQUIRY	1	1	
813	111450	CAPTIONED ABRAHAM BROTHMAN PH TELETYPE TO NY	1	1	
814	111650	NY LTR TO PH WITH COPY	1/1	1/0	PROCESS ADMIN MARKINGS PAGE SEE NY 65-15338
815	111750	SA TO SAC MEMO WITH COPY	1/1	1/1	1
816	111650	ABRAHAM BROTHMAN SA TO SAC MEMO RE	1		10-1-79 F2281 SEE PH 65-4307-956
817	111850	SA TO SAC MEMO WITH COPY	1/1	1/1	1
818	112050	MORDECAI MARGOLIN PH LTR TO NY CAPTIONED	1	1	
819	112950	SPECIAL EMPLOYEE MEMO TO SAC with copy	1/1	1/1	1
820	122150	PERMANENT CHARGE OUT RE SERIAL 820 - (BULET TO NY DTD 120150)	1	1	
821	120450	PH REPORT	4		10-1-79 F2281 SEE HQ 65-59181-284
822	12550	HARRY GOLD PH LTR TO NY CAPTIONED	1		10-1-79 F2281 SEE NY 65-15324-586

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823	120150	PH LTR TO HQ	1		10-1-79 F2281 SEE HQ 65-59181-281
824	121650	HQ LTR TO PH WITH COPY	1/1		SEE HQ 65-59181
825	122650	SA TO SAC MEMO	2	0	REFERRAL TO CUSTOMS
826	051451	CCO MEMO TO FILE	1	1	
827	011651	PH LTR TO HQ	1		SEE HQ 65-59181
828	011751	NY REPORT	8		10-1-79 F2281 SEE HQ 65-59181-288
829	012451	PH LTR TO NY	1		SEE NY 65-15338
830	012351	SPECIAL EMPLOYEE MEMO TO SAC	3	3	
831	020151	MR. GERALD A. GLEESON SAC, PH LTR TO U.S. ATTORNEY	2	2	
832	020151	PH LTR TO NY	1		SEE NY 65-15338
833	021551	PH LTR TO HQ	1		SEE HQ 65-59181
834	021551	PH LTR TO HQ	1		SEE HQ 65-59181

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835	022051	(CORRECTED FROM HQ TO NY) HQ LTR TO PH WITH CC	1		SEE HQ 65-59181
836	022751	PH LTR TO HQ	2		SEE HQ 65-59181
837	022651	UNK SUBT, P. PETERSON PH LTR TO HQ RE	2	2	
838	022751	HQ LTR TO PH with copy	1	1	PROCESS ADMIN MARKINGS 10-1-74 SEE HQ 65-59181-291 F2281
839	022851	US ATTORNEY LTR TO SAC, PH	2	0	See HQ 65-59181-299
840	030251	HQ LTR TO PH	1		SEE HQ 65-59181
841	032251	GIBSON SAC, PH LTR TO US ATTORNEY	1	1	
842	032251	PH LTR TO HQ	1		SEE HQ 65-59181
843	031451	PHILIP ARONBERG PH LTR TO HQ RE	1	1	
844	031451	GEORGE SHAW WHEELER PH LTR TO HQ RE	1	1	
845	032251	HQ LTR TO PH	1		SEE HQ 65-59181
846	032251	HQ LTR TO PH	1		SEE HQ 65-59181

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847	032751	HQ LTR TO PH	1/1		SEE HQ 65-59181
848	040251	NY REPORT	2		10-1-79 F2281 SEE HQ 65-59181-301
849	040651	PH LTR TO HQ	1	1	
850	040651	PH LTR TO HQ RE ^{BLOOM} MORRIS	1	1	
851	041251	UNSUB PAUL SMITH PH LTR TO HQ RE	1	1	
852	042651	PH REPORT	6		10-1-79 F2281 SEE HQ 65-59181-304
853	043051	DIRECTOR, FBI AGSIS ATTY GEN. LTR TO	1		10-1-79 F2281 SEE HQ 65-59181-305
854	050751	TRANSMITTAL LTR FOR #853) PH LTR TO HQ	1/1		10-1-79 F2281 SEE HQ 65-59181-305
855	041851	HQ LTR TO PH with copy	1/1	1/0	PROCESS ADM MARKS SEE HQ 65-59181
856	042651	HARRY D. BELOCK PH LTR TO HQ RE	1	1	
857	042651	PH LTR TO HQ	1		10-1-79 F2281 SEE HQ 65-61847-X16
858	050151	VERIFICATION OF INFO ON SECURITY INDEX CARD	1	1	

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859	050551	<i>copy</i> HQ TELETYPE TO PH NY, LA, SF, WFO	1		10-1-79 F2281 SEE HQ 65-59181-306
860	050751	PH LTR TO HQ WITH CC'S TO HARRY D. BELOCK	1		SEE HQ 65-59181
861	042651	PH LTR TO HQ CAPTIONED	1	1	
862	050951	PH LTR TO HQ	4		SEE HQ 65-59181
863	051051	HQ LTR TO PH	1		SEE HQ 65-59181
863A	052151	UNSUB JOHN PH LTR TO HQ CAPTIONED	1		10-1-79 F2281 SEE HQ 65-61847-X20
864	052351	LEO FEINSTEIN PH LTR TO HQ CAPTIONED	1	1	
865	052351	JACOB MONESS MONESS PH LTR TO HQ CAPTIONED	1	1	
866	052351	ELTON R. ALLISON PH LTR TO HQ CAPTIONED	1	1	
867	060751	PH REPORT	3		10-1-79 F2281 SEE 65-59181-309
868	052351	SAMUEL BRONSTEIN PH LTR TO HQ CAPTIONED	1	1	
869	052551	PETER J. BARANOV PH LTR TO HQ CAPTIONED	1	1	

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870	062351	VERIFICATION OF INFO ON SECURITY INDEX CARD	1	1	
871	062551	copy of serial 875 PH LTR TO HQ FD-122	1		10-1-79 F2281 SEE HQ 65-59181-310
872	062651	ROSE ARENAL PH LTR TO HQ CAPTIONED	1	1	
873	062651	VIOLA ROBINSON PH LTR TO HQ CAPTIONED	1	1	
874	063051	SATOSAC MEMO & Copy INDEX CARD FD-122	1/1	1/1	1
875	062551	PH LTR TO HQ RE SECURITY	1		10-1-79 F2281 SEE HQ 65-59181-310
876	072351	PH LTR TO HQ	1		SEE HQ 65-59181
877	072751	DAVID OPOCZYNSKI PH LTR TO HQ CAPTIONED	1	1	
878	072751	HENRY NATHAN SHOIKET PH LTR TO HQ CAPTIONED	1	1	
879	073051	NORMAN CHANDLER BURSLE PH LTR TO HQ RE	2	2	
880	073051	DAVID WEINTRAUB PH LTR TO HQ CAPTIONED	1	1	
880 A	073051	ADRIAN W. ROSENBAUM PH LTR TO HQ RE	1	1	

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881	073051	UNSUB PAUL SMITH PH LTR TO HQ RE	1	1	
882	081051	PH REPORT	13		10-1-79 F2281 SEE HQ 65-59181-313
883	081051	PH LTR TO HQ	1		10-1-79 F2281 SEE HQ 65-59181-312
884	081051	UNSUB, WABEN PH LTR TO HQ RE	1	1	
885	081551	HQ LTR TO PH <i>with copy</i>	1/1	1/0	PROCESS ADM MARKS SEE HQ 65-59181-311
886	090551	JOSEPH F. BARNES PH LTR TO HQ RE	1	1	
887	091751	HQ LTR TO PH <i>with copy</i>	1/1		SEE HQ 65-59181
888	092651	LAWRENCE SHANDEL PH LTR TO HQ RE	1	1	
889	100551	UNSUB CHARLES P. ATKIN ... PH LTR TO HQ RE	1		10-1-79 F2281 SEE PH 65-4307-1021
890	100551	REBECCA GETZOFF PH LTR TO HQ RE	1		10-1-79 F2281 SEE PH 65-4307-1022
891	100551	UNSUB, WAS, SHARL PH LTR TO HQ RE	1	1	
892	101951	PH REPORT	3		10-1-79 F2281 SEE HQ 65-59181-317

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893	101251	UNSUB PAUL SMITH PH LTR TO HQ RE	1		SEE PH 65-4307
894	101551	UNSUB JOHN PH LTR TO HQ RE	1		SEE HQ 65-61847
895	101951	PH LTR TO HQ	1		10-1-79 F2281 SEE HQ 65-59181-316
896	111651	PERMANENT CHARGE OUT RE SERIAL 896 -	1	1	
897	103051	VERIFICATION OF INFO ON SECURITY INDEX CARD	1	1	
898	111251	HARRY GOLD + THOMAS BLACK SA TO SAC MEMO RE	1		10-1-79 F2281 SEE PH 65-4307-1026
899	111451	JULIUS ROSENBERG SA TO SAC MEMO RE	1	1	
900	112151	PH LTR TO NY	1		10-1-79 F2281 SEE NY 65-15338-218
901	112651	PH LTR TO HQ	1		10-1-79 F2281 SEE HQ 65-61847-X32
902	112651	ISADOR MILLER PH LTR TO HQ RE	1		10-1-79 F2281 SEE PH 65-4307-1028
903	112651	CARL BUCHMAN PH LTR TO HQ RE	1	1	
904	112451	WALTER BERNSTEIN SA TO SAC MEMO RE	1	1	

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905	120351	HQ TELETYPE TO PH	1/1	1/0	PROCESS ADM MARKS 10-1-79 F2281 SEE HQ 65-59181-320
906	101551	LUCY GWINNE BRANHAM PH LTR TO HQ RE	1	1	
907	112651	MADELINE ROSS PH LTR TO HQ RE	1	1	
908	120451	NY LTR TO PH	1/1		10-1-79 F2281 SEE NY 65-15338-219
909	111951	SA TO SAC MEMO	1	0	REFERRAL TO DOJ.
910	112951	MAURICE FROCHT PH LTR TO HQ RE	2	2	
911	121951	SA TO SAC MEMO	1	1	
912	010452	SA TO SAC MEMO	1	1	
913	010352	SA TO SAC MEMO	2	2	
914	010752	SA TO SAC MEMO	1	1	
915	011752	PH LTR TO HQ	1		10-1-79 F2281 SEE HQ 65-59181-32
916	011152	PH LTR TO HQ	1		10-1-79 F2281 SEE HQ 65-59181-32 65-61847

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917	011152	VALENTINE MEKLETR PH LTR TO HQ RE	1		SEE PH 65-4307
918	011452	MAX GRANICH PH LTR TO HQ RE	1	1	
919	011752	PH LTR TO HQ	1		SEE HQ 65-59181
920	011452	MARTIN YOUNG SA TO SAC MEMO RE	1	1	
921	011452	HQ LTR TO PH	1/1		SEE HQ 65-59181
922	022652	SAC TO SA ^{with copy} MEMO	1/1	1/1	1
923	³ 050552	HQ LTR TO PG ^{WITH DUPLICATE}	1/1	1/1	process Rjk 10-1-79 10-1-79 F2051
924	013052	PH REPORT	6		SEE HQ 65-59181-325
925	031252	HQ LTR TO PH	1/1		SEE HQ 65-59181
926	031452	PH LTR TO HQ	1		SEE HQ 65-61847
927	031552	MAURICE A. MINUTO PH LTR TO HQ RE	1	1	
928	031552	JOSEPH KATZ PH LTR TO HQ RE	1		SEE PH 65-4307

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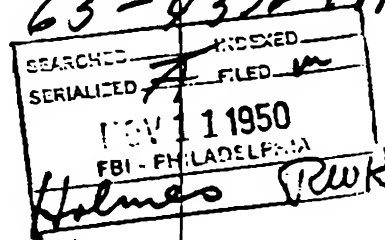
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	Refer two copies of record on all inquiries re. Thomas Lessing Black, was, Tasso Lessing Black, Tom Black, Dr. Thomas L. Black, George Williams, Tom Jones, Farold L. Jones, Tom Wright, Lessie Black, "Bob," "Doc," to BFD, Phila., Pa., their file #65-4332, per inf rec therefrom 10-13-50. Bu. File #65-59181. (ident #--, BFD, Phila., Pa.)			

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	<p>Description:</p> <p>Color: white</p> <p>Sex: male</p> <p>Residences: 1929 No. 6th St., Phila., Pa. in 1950; 17 Oxford St. Newark, N.J. in 1942</p> <p>Place of Birth: Bloomsburg, Pa.</p> <p>Citizenship: Native</p> <p>Date of Birth: July 5, 1907</p> <p>Height: 5 feet 8 1/2 inches</p> <p>Weight: 200 pounds</p> <p>Complexion: ruddy</p> <p>Eyes: blue</p> <p>Hair: light brown</p> <p>Build: heavy</p> <p>Scars and Marks: burn scars on entire left forearm; burn scar on left shoulder, front of neck and left ear</p> <p>Company: National Oil Products Co., Harrison, N.J. (empl. Feb., 1933) (appears on print #71-NAO)</p> <p>Alias: Harold Jones</p> <p>Fingerprint Classification: 10 S 1 U III 11 S 1 U III</p> <p>The fingerprint file of this individual includes a photograph.</p>			

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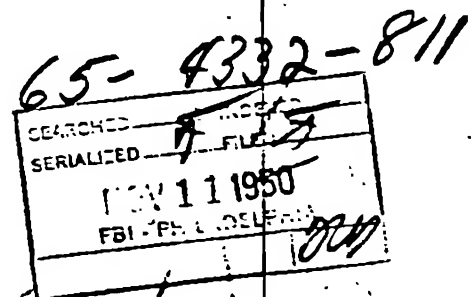
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TO: SAC, Philadelphia

11-10-50

RE: Your recent inquiry concerning THOMAS LESSING BLACK.
THOMAS LESSING BLACK
ESPIONAGE - R
(Bufile 65-59181)
(65-4332)

- ☒ subject of attached record is identical ☐ attached
- ☐ subject of attached record may be identical ☐ communication is returned herewith
- ☐ subject in whom you are interested may be identical with one of the subjects whose records are attached ☐ This matter is receiving attention and you will be advised at an early date.
- ☐ only record available attached ☐ Information being furnished under separate cover.
- ☐ fingerprint files fail to disclose ☐
- ☐ additional information requested
- ☐ information being furnished as indicated

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SAC NEW YORK.....URGENT

RE ABRAHAM BROTHMAN, WAS, ETAL, ESP-R. THOMAS L. BLACK CONTACTED AT NOON TODAY AND ADVISED THAT HE WOULD REPORT AT NEW YORK FBI OFFICE FOUR THIRTY PM TODAY OR AS SHORTLY THEREAFTER AS POSSIBLE. BLACK IS PREPARED TO TESTIFY TOMORROW.

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WEN:cmr
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CC: 65-4332 (Thomas L. Black)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Philadelphia

DATE: November 16, 1950

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK, was.;
ESPIONAGE - R
(Philadelphia file 65-4332)

Re your letter dated October 26, 1950.

Two copies of a photograph of VASILY FEDOROVICH are enclosed so that they may be exhibited to the subject.

In connection with the various unknown subject cases now pending in New York which arose from the interviews of BLACK and GOLD, it is believed it would be very helpful if this office had available a list of the names of persons whose photographs were shown to THOMAS L. BLACK. If such a list has been made or if it is feasible to make up such a list, it is requested that the Philadelphia Office forward one or two copies of such a list to New York.

A similar request is being made in the HARRY GOLD case.

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FWZ:RJS
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TO : SAC

DATE: 11-17-50

FROM : HOWARD A. SEARL, SA

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK
ESPIONAGE -- R

It is requested that the trash cover currently maintained on the residence of the above captioned subject at 1929 North 6th Street be cancelled.

This trash cover was placed on 6-5-50 and has been picked up [REDACTED] by SE WALTER J. SEARLE, JR. However, in the past three months it has not been productive.

It is requested that on cancellation of the trash cover, the records of this office be changed to reflect the cancellation.

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Trash cover card
cancelled 11-17-50,
by N.S.H.

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HOWARD A. SEARL, SA

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TO : SAC,

FROM : SA ROBERT W. HOLMES

SUBJECT: ²THOMAS L. BLACK, was.,
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: 11/18/50

On 11/18/50, WALTER ALKUS, minority partner of the Charles W. Berg Laboratories, called the writer on the telephone.

ALKUS had read the newspaper accounts of HARRY GOLD'S testimony in the Brothman case, at New York City, on 11/17/50, in which BLACK was mentioned without being completely identified.

ALKUS said that while BLACK was not connected in the testimony with the Berg Laboratories, he was nevertheless concerned with the possibility that he might be later and that BERG would receive unwelcome and unfavorable publicity. He asked the writer to give his opinion on this question.

ALKUS was told first that the writer could give no opinion. He was told definitely that the FBI does not make any decision regarding the future handling of BLACK'S case. ALKUS was also told definitely that any decision made by the Berg Laboratories regarding BLACK'S employment or status was entirely in their hands, and that no opinion could be given by the writer.

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SA ROBERT W. HOLMES

THOMAS L. BLACK, was.,
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On 11/18/50, WALTER ALKUS, minority partner of the Charles W. Berg Laboratories, called the writer on the telephone.

ALKUS had read the newspaper accounts of HARRY GOLD'S testimony in the Brothman case, at New York City, on 11/17/50, in which BLACK was mentioned without being completely identified.

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SAC, Philadelphia

MORDECAI MARGOLIN, was.
INTERNAL SECURITY - R
(New York File 100-76163)

Re New York letter dated 10-13-50 and report of SA WALTER A. MARGHEIM, dated 10-25-50.

On November 18, 1950, a photograph of MORDECAI MARGOLIN was displayed to THOMAS L. BLACK. Although he was unable at first to recall the name, BLACK instantly recognized the photograph and identified it by saying that the man's first initial was "M" and that he was the Communist Party member who was introduced by BLACK to Dr. LOUIS CHRISTMAN, then Director of Research at the American Cyanamid Company.

The name of MARGOLIN was then suggested to BLACK, who said that that was the man whose picture he was shown. BLACK remarked that the picture taken in 1946 looked much like MARGOLIN had looked when BLACK knew him in the early 1930's. HUC.

HWH:VPH
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cc: 65-4332 (THOS. L. BLACK)

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TO : SAC

FROM : SE WALTER J. SEARLE, JR.

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: November 29, 1950

The trash cover maintained on the home of THOMAS L. BLACK, 1929 North 6th Street, Philadelphia, was canceled on November 28, 1950, under instructions received from SA ROBERT W. HOLMES on November 24, 1950.

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TO : FILE

DATE: 5/14/51

FROM : CCO

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK
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Serial 826 of this file charged to SA HOLMES 1/14/51 was returned by him but cannot be presently located.

This serial is described as a cc of memo 1/12/51 from New York to the Director, and this memo is being inserted in numerical sequence until such time as the missing correspondence is located.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

FROM : WALTER J. SEARLE, JR., SE

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK, was
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: 1-23-51

On 12-20-50 SE WALTER J. SEARLE, JR., received the following item of evidence from a box of trash obtained from the residence of THOMAS L. BLACK, 1929 North 6th Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

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This evidence is a 2-page typewritten letter and it is dated "Monday, November 27, 1950." It is addressed to "Dear TOM" and it is signed "Yrs, YANK."

It is to be noted that this evidence was torn in to small pieces and was restored to a readable condition in the Philadelphia office by clerk TERESA DOUGHERTY.

This letter reads as follows:

"Monday, Nov. 27, 1950

"Dear Tom,

"Fate worked out in your favor this weekend. I hate to think what it would have been like to have to ride out the storm here. However, you may be as astonished as I was to learn that the roof did not blow off. In fact, there was no perceptible damage in the place when I came in on Sunday. Just some water came in at the back, but that was less than we get from an ordinary rainstorm. At home a window crashed in, and we had a few hectic moments till we closed the space. Fortunately, no one was near it when it went.

"Speaking now of figurative storms, I hope the one raised last week has calmed down. However, I think we should wait till HARRY (HARRY GOLD) is sentenced to see if there will be any further developments. Nothing has been said here, but PAD (PAUL A. DITTMAN) has been awful quiet.

"JOE's (JOSEPH MULLEN) decision may be a hard pill for you to

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swallow personally — otherwise; it is of little importance, because he has not been active anyway recently — but I hope you can see his point and profit from his advice. It is not the politics he shuns, though if he knew what you had been involved in he might sensibly decide you are not the best of partners. The point is that JOE (JOSEPH MULLEN) feels you are in chemistry for the sport, and not on any sensible business basis. You have a behaviour pattern of recruiting people for wildly improbable feats, whether it be a trip to the USSR, or a plant to make T O Esters.* This is not to deny the plausibility of a T O Ester plant. It is just that JOE (JOSEPH MULLEN) feels that you use the plausibility mainly to convince people to carry along the game. You are happy as long as you can play at building these castles in the air, and it does not disturb you that none of these deals has worked out, because you always cook up some new one. In short, JOE (JOSEPH MULLEN) fears that you will louse up the TO, that you will think up more hare-brained schemes for him to chase around on, and that the total result will be a lot of furtive attempts at the improbable. He finds it easier to sell and collect a good commission than to expend all his energies in ventures which he feels are doomed to failure. All of this may seem like a cold-blooded analysis, but I assure you JOE (JOSEPH MULLEN) said it with the best will in the world. He likes you personally, but shuns your "business" schemes. It is not quite a few years since JOHN RASHCER quit, and you said he would regret it, but so far he has been better off out.

*For myself I am forced to concur with JOE (JOSEPH MULLEN) to an extent, and now I plead with you to reflect on your ideas and see what you can do to simplify your life, and put an end to the frustrating attempts to hit the jackpot. All that we have accomplished in Spruce Chem is that you lead the secret life of a hunted man. We have not made any money (in fact, we have spent a great deal, with no return), we have wasted many years of our lives, and we are no nearer our goal than when we began. But we have left a trail so big, that you live in constant fear that BERG (CHARLES W. BERG) will learn about it. Everything you do you have to do secretly, and the end result is that in behavior you are in the same miserable position that HARRY (HARRY GOLD) was in, though he had reason to be on the spot, whereas you have put yourself in this sort of situation voluntarily. You may like this sort of life, just as BERG (CHARLES W. BERG) thrives on belligerency, but I must admit I find it wearing. Much better to do everything in the open, and fear no man. The only solid business we have is with PAD (PAUL A. DITTMAN), and that is a very simple matter. Nothing grandiose about it. But it makes money. If STEVE (unk.) develops he may bring PAD's (PAUL A. DITTMAN's) business to a profitable level. But do not start to work on STEVE (unk.) on other grand plans. Let him do his job for PAD (PAUL A. DITTMAN). If he can introduce you to some one who is interested in TEP (proposed firm - TOM BLACK - EMORY RICHARDS - PERCY HELIE), OK, but do not forget his main obligation is to PAD (PAUL A. DITTMAN)

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You offer him far less than 60 a week, and there is no prospect of his getting anything out of this. Also, with JOE (JOSEPH MULLEN) out, I do not want to go after any business through STEVE (unk.), unless it is cleared with PAD (PAUL A. DITTMAN). I am not getting soft. I just know that any sales will require a lot of time to build to any decent level, and so STEVE (unk.) would only be wasting his time, and taking time away from the work he should be doing. And given half a chance you would try to get STEVE (unk.) all hepped up about Insecticides, etc, and soon have all of us deep in intrigue, work, and unproductive planning.

"To sum up, I am begging myself to see yourself as others see you, and recognize that you have only convinced yourself. Every one else, viewing our ventures, thinks them ridiculous, or, to put it kindly, as lawyer WINSTON (unk.) said of the HELIE (PERCY HELIE) thing, "romantic." Instead of trying to find your salvation in these fantastic schemes, why not try to see if we can find peace and happiness in more modest efforts. I believe that the GOLD (HARRY GOLD) case may die down, and CHARLIE (CHARLES W. BERG) may calm down. But if your behavior pattern fits the same grooves as the GOLD (HARRY GOLD) story, people will think that perhaps you are involved. It is not enough that you quit the "whacked up Bohemians" 17 years ago. You are still acting like a whacked up B, although in an innocent field, and while you are not a danger to you country, you can be a tribulation to people around you, which is why JOE (JOSEPH MULLEN) called it quits.

"Let me know how you are faring, with CW (CHARLES W. BERG) and the Widener boys. No mail for you except the magazines, which I will forward soon. Work here is light now, and I will be able to handle the carpentry etc very easily. My brother will help if needed.

"Take it easy, and read KAREN HORNEY, with reference to your own problems. It may be your salvation. I know it is tough after 10, but you have the intelligence to overcome your neurotic traits, so why not try. I've been trying to straighten myself out - but to cure one's self is harder. Any advice will be welcomed - no kidding.

/s/ Yrs. YANK (JACOB FASS)."

T.O. Esters *

Tall Oil Esters - an ester is a compound which may be regarded as formed by the replacement of the acid hydrogen of an acid by a hydrocarbon radical.

500 Widener Building
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
February 1, 1951

Mr. Gerald A. Gleeson
United States Attorney
Eastern District of Pennsylvania
Federal Building
9th and Market Streets
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Attention: Mr. James P. McCormick

Re: Thomas L. Black, was.
Espionage - R
Misprision of Felony

Dear Sir:

In confirmation of a conversation between Mr. McCormick and Agent Holmes, of this office, I should like to give you the following additional facts regarding Thomas L. Black.

Harry Gold was first interviewed by Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation May 15, 1950. On May 22, 1950, Gold admitted for the first time transmitting information about the Atomic Bomb from Klaus Fuchs to the Soviets. This confession was reported in the Philadelphia papers May 23, 1950.

On May 31, 1950, Thomas L. Black was interviewed by Special Agent Howard A. Searl at his place of employment, 1827 North 5th Street. In the course of that interview, which concerned Black's knowledge of Harry Gold and his activities, Black made the following statements.

- 1 - That he never had any reason to doubt Harry Gold's loyalty to the United States.
- 2 - That he had no knowledge of Gold's interest in Communist matters.
- 3 - That the only trip he knew of Gold making from Philadelphia was to Brooklyn, New York, in September or October 1945.
- 4 - That he would like to visit Harry Gold's father and brother if it would be all right in view of the publicity following Gold's arrest.

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United States Attorney
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On June 15, 1950, Black was interviewed by Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and admitted that he had known of Harry Gold's association with Klaus Fuchs since February 1950. He further admitted knowing of Gold's trip to Albuquerque, New Mexico, in 1945 and his belief that the trip was made for the Soviets. Black also said that Gold had asked him to take care of his father and brother in the event anything happened to him (Gold). This information is contained in a signed statement given by Thomas L. Black.

I should appreciate your advising of your decision regarding prosecution in this matter.

Very truly yours,

A. CORNELIUS, JR.
Special Agent in Charge

Director, FBI

2/26/51

SAC, Philadelphia

UNKNOWN SUBJECT, was.
Paul Petersen, Paul Smith
ESPIONAGE - R

UNKNOWN SUBJECT, was.
Karl, Carl
THOMAS L. BLACK, Informant
ESPIONAGE - R

(Bureau file 65-59191)

Re New York let 1/30/51 and New York tel 2/20/51.

THOMAS L. BLACK, on February 20, 1951, was shown the photograph of OTTO KATZ, was., and said that it was not either PAUL PETERSEN or KARL. BLACK said that he has never seen a picture that in any way resembles KARL in all the pictures which have been exhibited to him.

BLACK was questioned specifically as to why he believed that KATZ was not identical with PETERSEN. He conceded that in some respects there is a slight resemblance between KATZ and PETERSEN, but he was positive that the nostrils in the KATZ photograph are too prominent. The KATZ photograph has more hair on the temples than PETERSEN had, and the hairline does not resemble PETERSEN's. He said that PETERSEN's mouth is straighter than that in the KATZ photograph. He added that it was difficult for him to select features in the KATZ photograph which were definitely different from PETERSEN, but that the whole face does not resemble PETERSEN.

BLACK now says that he is "about 90% certain" that the picture of JOHNNY DeGRAAF, was, more closely resembles PETERSEN than any other photograph he has seen.

Re: SA FRANCIS W. ZANKER titled, UNKNOWN SUBJECT, was. Paul Smith, Paul Petersen, dated 1/17/51 at New York.

On February 20, 1951, BLACK was shown a photograph of a group of Amorg employees believed to have been taken about 1934. He said that he could not recognize anybody in the picture. He was then asked if he was sure that PETERSEN was not in the picture. He examined the picture carefully a second time and said he saw nobody in the group resembling PETERSEN.

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cc: New York (65-15334)(65-)

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Director, FBI

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BLACK was given the description of PETER DAVIDOVICH GUSEV, and asked whether he believed that the person of that description could be identical with PAUL PETERSEN. He pointed out the following discrepancies between descriptions of GUSEV and PETERSEN:

PETERSEN did not have stomach trouble; on the contrary, according to BLACK, he was a gourmet who liked and enjoyed good food.

PETERSEN's hair was dark and greying, but was more of a dark brown than black.

He recalls that PETERSEN wore a brown suit, but does not recall ever having seen him in a brown gabardine topcoat.

He also said that PETERSEN spoke good English.

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TO : SAC, Philadelphia

DATE: February 27, 1951

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK, was.
ESPIONAGE - R
(Philadelphia file 65-4332)

Reurlet 2-15-51 requesting the Bureau's advice as to whether or not Black's name should be retained on the Security Index list, inasmuch as he is designated as a national source of information in unnumbered SAC Letter 2-3-51.

In view of the past espionage activities of Black, it is believed that in the event of an emergency he should be picked up under the Security Index program and that a hearing board should judge as to whether or not he should remain at large.

In the event Black should be recontacted by the Soviets and become reactivated as a double agent, consideration will be given to placing him in the Special Section of the Security Index.

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Follow up with
USA in next few
days.

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Jensen

500 Widener Building
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
March 22, 1951

Mr. Gerald A. Gleason
United States Attorney
Eastern District of Pennsylvania
Federal Building
9th and Market Streets
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Attention: Mr. James P. McCormick

Re: Thomas L. Black, was.
Espionage - R
Misprision of Felony

Dear Sir:

This letter is in confirmation of a conversation between
Mr. McCormick and Agent Jensen of this office.

A perusal of the information reported by Special Agent
Howard A. Searl at the time of his interview of Thomas L. Black,
on May 31, 1950, fails to reflect anything further than was furnished
you in my letter dated February 1, 1951.

Very truly yours,

LM

A. CORNELIUS, JR.
Special Agent in Charge

RGJ/tgm
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DIRECTOR, FBI

March 14, 1951

SAC, PHILADELPHIA

PHILIP ARONBERG was.
ESPIONAGE - R

(Bureau file 106-3202)

Reference New York report of SA JOHN M. STOLZENTHALER dated 3/6/51 at New York.

In accordance with referenced report, THOMAS L. BLACK was interviewed on March 12, 1951 by Special Agents WILLIAM H. MAYLOR and ROBERT G. JENSEN.

THOMAS L. BLACK stated he did not know PHILIP ARONBERG nor had he ever met anyone who might fit the description of ARONBERG.

Referenced report also requested that the Philadelphia Office interview HARRY GOLD for information re ARONBERG. Inasmuch as HARRY GOLD is currently in the New York Field Division, it is requested that the New York Office handle this interview.

This matter is considered RUC.

RWJ/kob
65-4508

CC: New York (65-15156)
THOMAS L. BLACK (65-4332)

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DIRECTOR, FBI

March 14, 1951

SAC, PHILADELPHIA

GEORGE SHAW WHEELER
INTERNAL SECURITY - C -

(Bureau file 101-2416)

Re Washington Field letter dated 3/1/51.

In accordance with the request set forth in referenced letter, THOMAS L. BLACK was interviewed on March 12, 1951 by Special Agents WILLIAM H. MAYLOR and ROBERT G. JENSEN.

THOMAS L. BLACK advised he had never met nor had any occasion to know GEORGE SHAW WHEELER.

This matter is considered RUC.

RGJ/kob

100-35447

CC: Washington Field (101-1315)

65-4332 (THOMAS L. BLACK)

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65-4332-844

Director, FBI

4/6/51

SAC, Philadelphia

UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa. NICHOLS
East Rutherford, N. J.
THOMAS L. BLACK - INFORMANT
ESPIONAGE - R
(Bufile 65-59295)

Rebulet, 3/9/51.

On 4/4/51, THOMAS L. BLACK was reinterviewed for any supplemental information he might have re this unknown subject. BLACK repeated that at no time had he ever met this person. He had the impression that NICHOLS may have tutored Russian students at M.I.T., but said he had nothing definite upon which to base this impression.

BLACK also said that he has some recollection now of having located the name NICHOLS in a Rutherford directory, but he never did contact him.

This matter is considered RUC.

EGJ:mbq
65-4374

cc: Newark (65-4116)
PH File 65-4332 (Thomas L. Black)

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Director, FBI

4/6/51

SAC, Philadelphia

MORRIS BLOOM, was., ET AL
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Rebulet, 3/22/51.

The photographs of MORRIS and EVA BLOOM were shown to THOMAS L. BLACK on 4/4/51. BLACK stated that he had never seen or met either of these people at any time.

This matter is considered RUC.

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cc: New York

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Director, FBI

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UNKNOWN SUBJECT, was.
Paul Smith, Paul Petersen
ESPIONAGE - R
(Bufile 65-59191)

Rebulet, 3/13/51.

On 4/4/51, the photograph of OTTO KATZ submitted with referenced letter was shown to THOMAS L. BLACK. He said he had never seen or met this person.

In an effort to secure any additional identifying characteristics, PETERSEN was again discussed in detail with BLACK. He said he had the impression that PETERSEN was in the United States on a Scandinavian passport. BLACK also advised that he inferred that PETERSEN had knowledge of Germany and had possibly been there. This was based on the fact that in casual conversations PETERSEN had mentioned Berlin, Hanover, Bremen and Dusseldorf as being rather pleasant cities. BLACK also said that when PETERSEN told him in 1935 that the Soviets were having trouble getting information out of Germany, he (BLACK) made the inference that PETERSEN may have been in Germany.

BLACK also said that PETERSEN at the time he wanted BLACK to attend the California Institute of Technology said he had been to California. BLACK said he rejected the offer on the grounds it was too expensive and impractical. PETERSEN told BLACK that he made inquiry at C.I.T. and had learned a student could stay in graduate school for almost and indefinite period carrying a light academic load. PETERSEN also offered to open a bank account for BLACK with enough money in it to maintain BLACK while at C.I.T. On the basis of this information, BLACK said he was of the opinion the contact whom he never met was considered excellent by the Soviets.

PETERSEN at various times indicated to BLACK that he (BLACK) was being considered to take over PETERSEN's position. This was to be done as BLACK was a native American and could travel about the United States without arousing any suspicion. BLACK said that this proposed assignment never materialized and PETERSEN never elaborated on it.

At the conclusion of this interview, BLACK said he could recall nothing else relative to PETERSEN that he had not reported before.

This matter is considered RUC.

RGJ:mab
65-4336

cc: New York (65-15381)
PH File 65-4336 (Thomas L. Black)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Philadelphia

DATE: April 18, 1951

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK
ESPIONAGE - R

65-4332*

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Act of 1950

Philadelphia should secure a detailed, signed statement from the subject concerning all of his espionage activities from 1934 to date. This should include industrial espionage, Trotskyite infiltration, as well as all other activity on the part of Black for the Russians.

For your information, the opinion of Assistant United States Attorney James P. McCormick of Philadelphia, which you made available by letter 3-22-51, was furnished to the Department by letter dated 4-14-51, soliciting an opinion as to the final prosecutive disposition of this case. The Department's opinion was again requested as to whether or not Black would be subject to registration under the Internal Security Act of 1950.

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SAC, Philadelphia

HARRY D. BELOCK
ESPIONAGE - R

Re New York letter dated 4/16/51.

On April 19, 1951, HARRY D. BELOCK was discussed with THOMAS L. BLACK. BLACK advised that he had never seen or met HARRY D. BELOCK.

This matter is considered RUC.

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65-4525

cc New York

65-4332 (THOMAS L. BLACK)

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VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION ON SECURITY INDEX CARD

5/1/51

MEMORANDUM

RE: *Thomas Lessing Black*
Est-R

This Office File

65-4332

The following is the most recent residence address, place of employment and employment address of the above subject as contained on the subject's security card.

Residence: *1929 N. 6th St - Phila. Pa.*Employment: *Charles W. Berg, Laboratories*Address: *1827 N. 5th St - Phila., Pa*

Remarks:

It is requested that the residence address of the subject, place of employment and address of employment be verified and the proper notation be made below:

Residence: *Same*Employment: *Same*

Address:

Verified by: *SA. Robt. Jensen*Method of Verification: *Personal interview*Date: *4/19/51*

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The security index card on this subject should be revised if any changes are noted above. -

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Director, FBI

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SAC, Philadelphia

HARRY D. BELOCK
ESPIONAGE - R

Re New York letter dated 4/16/51.

On April 19, 1951, HARRY D. BELOCK was discussed with THOMAS L. BLACK. BLACK advised that he had never seen or met HARRY D. BELOCK.

This matter is considered RUC.

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65-4525

cc New York
(65-4332) THOMAS L. BLACK)

65-4332-861

Director, FBI

5/23/51

SAC, Philadelphia

LEO FRINSTEIN, was.
ESPIONAGE - R
(Bufile 100-345746)

Re New York letter, dated 4/24/51.

THOMAS L. BLACK on 5/17/51 was shown the photograph of ELISA BEDACHT. He stated he had never seen or met her. However, he did say he recognized the name BEDACHT. BLACK said that during the mid-thirties there was a MAX BEDACHT who was considered an authority on Communism by people in the Party. BLACK said he never met BEDACHT and knew of him only by reputation.

This matter is considered EUC.

RGJ:mbq
100-31588

cc: New York (100-81379)

Ph File 65-4332 (Thomas L. Black)

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Director, FBI

5/23/51

SAC, Philadelphia

JACOB MONESS MONESS, was.
ESPIONAGE - R
(Bufile 61-6289)

Re New York letter, 5/3/51.

On 5/17/51, photographs of the individuals listed in referenced letter were shown to THOMAS L. BLACK. He advised that at no time had he ever seen or met any of these persons.

This matter is considered RUC.

EGJ:mbq

65-4548

cc: New York (65-15138)

Ph File 65-4332 (Thomas L. Black)

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Director, FBI

5/23/51

SAC, Philadelphia

ELTON R. ALLISON
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Re Seattle letters dated 1/22/51 and 4/23/51.

Information concerning subject as received from HARRY GOLD was furnished to Seattle in Philadelphia report captioned HARRY GOLD, was.; ESPIONAGE - R, dated 10/9/50.

THOMAS L. BLACK on 5/17/51 was shown a photograph of ELTON R. ALLISON. BLACK stated he had never seen or met ALLISON. This matter is considered RUC.

RJ:mbg
100-1146

cc: Seattle (100-4320)

New York (Info.)

Ph File 65-4332 (Thomas L. Black)

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65-4332-866

Director, FBI

5/23/51

SAC, Philadelphia

SAMUEL BRONSTEIN, was.
INTERNAL SECURITY - R
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950
(Bufile 100-87638)

Re New York letter, dated 4/23/51.

On 5/17/51, the above captioned subject was discussed with THOMAS L. BLACK. BLACK advised he was unable to identify the photograph as anyone he had ever seen or met at any time.

This matter is considered RUC. *(circled with an 'X')*

RGJ:mbq
105-721

cc: New York (100-21785)
Ph File 65-4332 (Thomas L. Black)

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65-4332-868

DIRECTOR, FBI

5/25/52

SAC, PHILADELPHIA

PETER IVANOVICH BARANOV, was.
ESPIONAGE - R
(Bufile 65-328)

Re New York report dated 5/14/52.

THOMAS L. BLACK was shown a photograph of the subject on 5/17/52. BLACK stated he had never seen or met BARANOV at any time. This matter is considered R U C .

RJW:md
65-4555

cc: New York (65-15035)
Philadelphia (65-4332)

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65-4332-869

VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION ON SECURITY INDEX CARD

MEMORANDUM

RE: *THOMAS L. BLACK*
ESPIONAGE - R

This Office File *65-4332*

The following is the most recent residence address, place of employment and employment address of the above subject as contained on the subject's security card.

Residence: *1929 N. 6th St. Phila., Pa.*

Employment: *Charles W. Berg Laboratories*

Address: *1827 N. 5th St., Phila., Pa.*

Remarks:

It is requested that the residence address of the subject, place of employment and address of employment be verified and the proper notation be made below:

Residence: *530 BERN^{ST.} AVE., Phila Pa*

Employment: *Same*

Address:

Verified by: *SA ROBERT G. JENSEN*

Method of Verification: *PERSONAL INTERVIEW*

Date: *6/23/51*

The security index card on this subject should be revised if any changes are noted above.

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Director, FBI

6/26/51

SAC, Philadelphia

ROSE ARENAL, nee Rose Beigel
ESPIONAGE - R
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT, 1950
(Bufile 65-58688)

Re New York report SA ROBERT L. STEVENSON, JR., 5/8/51.

THOMAS L. BLACK was shown a photograph of the subject
on 6/23/51. BLACK stated that he had never met or seen
ROSE ARENAL.

This matter is considered RUC.

RGJ/tgm
65-4549

cc: New York (100-95086)
PH File (65-4332)

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Director, FBI

6/26/51

SAC, Philadelphia

VIOLA ROBINSON, was.
INTERNAL SECURITY - R
(Bufile 100-371790)

Rebulet 5/11/51.

THOMAS L. BLACK was shown a photograph of the subject
on 6/23/51. BLACK stated he had never met or seen
VIOLA ROBINSON at any time.

This matter is considered RUC.

RGJ/tgm
105-735

cc: New York (105-1928)
PE File 65-4332

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

FROM : SA ROBERT W. HOLMES

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK, was.
ESPIONAGE-- R

DATE: 6/30/51

On 6/23/51 BLACK signed a 19 page statement covering his espionage activities. This statement was made to SAS WILLIAM B. WELTE and the writer.

The original signed statement and two copies are being made exhibits in this file.

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65-4332

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SA ROBERT W. HOLMES

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ESPIONAGE - R

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RWH/tgm
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Director, FBI

July 27, 1951

SAC, PHILADELPHIA

DAVID OPOCZYNSKI, wa
INTERNAL SECURITY - R & PO
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Re New York report of SA FRANK P. WILLETTE dated June 5, 1951.

THOMAS L. BLACK on July 26, 1951, advised that he had never
seen or met the subject of instant case.

This matter is considered RUC.

RGJ/nch
105-753

cc: New York (105-1409)
Philadelphia (65-4332)

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65-4332-877

Director, FBI

July 27, 1951

SAC, Philadelphia

HENRY NATHAN SHOIKET
ESPIONAGE - R
(Bufile 100-378684) -

Re Seattle report of SA WILLIAM C. TOWER dated May 4, 1951.

On July 26, 1951, THOMAS L. BLACK was shown a photograph of the subject and his parents. BLACK advised he had never met nor had he ever seen any member of the SHOIKET family.

This matter is considered RUC.

RQJ/nah
100-35672

cc: Seattle (100-20650)
New York (100-99991)
Philadelphia (65-4332)

*covered
see serial 863*

65-4332-878

Director, FBI

July 30, 1951

SAC, Philadelphia

NORMAN CHANDLER BURSLE
INTERNAL SECURITY - R
(Bufile 101-3274)

Re Chicago report of W. RULON PAXMAN dated April 30, 1951.

The Philadelphia office does not at the present time have any informants who were active in the Communist Party during 1935 and 1936.

On May 17, 1951, THOMAS L. BLACK was shown a photograph of the subject. BLACK stated he was unable to identify BURSLE as any one he had ever met or seen.

Records of Temple University reflect that a NORMAN C. BURSLE, 406 East Sixth Street, Wilmington, Delaware, was enrolled in the School of Commerce on October 1, 1923, to take a course in news writing. BURSLE was again enrolled on September 29, 1924, for News Writing, Course #II. Both of these classes were listed as held in the evenings. No termination dates were given for either course. There was no information given as to the number of evenings the first course was held; however, News Writing II was listed as being held two evenings a week. MARION BROWN, Bureau of Records, Temple University, advised that she was unable to locate any additional information concerning the subject.

A review of the Philadelphia City Directory for the years 1935 and 1936 failed to reflect any residence for the subject. It should be noticed on referenced report that it is reflected that BURSLE was in residence at 443 Baltimore Avenue, Philadelphia; however, Baltimore Avenue begins with a numerical sequence of 3900. The section of Baltimore Avenue in the 4000 through 4900 blocks consists principally of apartment buildings.

Referenced report also indicated that BURSLE in November 1935 was in residence in Berkeley, California, and in June 1936 was employed in Washington, D. C. It should also be noted that subject has advised that his work in Philadelphia involved contacting treasury agents offices in New York and Pennsylvania, arranging for office space, et cetera,

RGJ/poh
105-727

cc: 65-4332

cc: Chicago (100-18077)

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Director, FBI

July 30, 1951

On the basis of the foregoing information which seems to place BURSLE in Philadelphia for approximately six months and part of that time in traveling status. In addition efforts to definitely establish residence or contact, a neighborhood investigation is contemplated.

This matter is considered RUC.

Director, FBI

July 30, 1951

SAC, Philadelphia

DAVID WEINTRAUB
INTERNAL SECURITY - R
(Bufile 100-338861)

Re New York report of SA JAMES J. MCCARTHY dated June 5, 1951.

In accordance with request set forth in referenced report, a photograph of subject was shown to THOMAS L. BLACK on July 26, 1951. He advised that he had never seen or met the subject.

This matter is considered RUC.

RGJ/nch
65-4576
cc: 65-4332

CC: New York (65-15101)

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Director, FBI

July 30, 1951

SAC, Philadelphia

ADRIAN WERETNIKOVE ROSENBAUM
ESPIONAGE - R
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950
(Bufile 65-44936)

Re New York report of SA EDGAR C. FOREST dated May 25, 1951.

On July 26, 1951, THOMAS L. BLACK was interviewed concerning ADRIAN WERETNIKOVE ROSENBAUM and his father, LEWIS N. ROSENBAUM. BLACK stated he had never met either of them at any time.

This matter is considered RUC.

RGJ/noh
65-3879

cc: (65-4332)

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cc: New York (65-11612)

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DIRECTOR, FBI

July 30, 1951

SAC, PHILADELPHIA

UNKNOWN SUBJECT was.
PAUL SMITH, PAUL PETERSEN
ESPIONAGE - R
(Bufile 65-59191)

Rebulet dated May 22, 1951 and May 26, 1951.

On July 26, 1951 the photograph of PAUL ERILIF VILHEIM PEDERSEN, aka Paul Petroff, Paul Petersen, was shown to THOMAS L. BLACK. He stated that this person was not identical with the PAUL PETERSEN he knew.

In connection with referenced Bulet of May 22, 1951 requesting that FERDINAND PHILIP HELLER be reinterviewed concerning his one contact with a PETERSEN. On the basis of information furnished by HELLER, it was believed that this individual was not identical with the unknown subject in instant case. It should be noted particularly the wide variance in descriptions of this person furnished by HELLER and those given by BLACK and HARRY GOLD. Accordingly, the Philadelphia office does not contemplate discussing the unknown subject in instant matter with HELLER as there is no indication he ever met this person.

As a matter of interest, BLACK was also asked if he had knowledge that HELLER had ever met the PETERSEN of pertinence. BLACK stated that he did not believe that HELLER had ever met anyone connected with Soviet espionage beyond GAIK OVAKIMIAN.

This matter is considered RUC.

RWJ/mob
65-4336

cc: 65-4332

New York (65-15334)

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SAC, Philadelphia

UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa "Ben" (SOWME)
ESPIONAGE - (C)
(Bufile 65-59749)

RE - NY Report of SA FRANCIS W. ZANGLE dated 7/23/51

The photograph of JOSEPH GEORGE BOGORAD was shown to both HARRY GOLD and THOMAS L. BLACK. Neither GOLD or BLACK were able to identify BOGORAD as anyone they had ever seen or met before.

RCJ:jag
65-587

jag

cc: New York (65-15317)
Philadelphia (65-4307)
(65-4332)

65-4332-884 ja

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO SAC, Philadelphia

DATE: *August 15, 1951*

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK, was.
ESPIONAGE - R
Philadelphia file 65-4332

Reurlet 7-23-51 which set forth a request on the part of Black to have the Department mail his notice to register under the Internal Security Act of 1950 to the Philadelphia FBI office instead of to his residence.

In view of the fact that Black has admitted engaging in espionage activity for the Soviet Union over a period of many years and, further, since the Bureau has presented his case to the Department for prosecutive consideration on various occasions, it is not believed advisable for the Bureau to assume the role of a mail drop for Black to save him possible embarrassment.

While Black has given the Bureau information since about June, 1950, it is to be noted that Black has not admitted the passage to the Soviets of any classified information or information vital to the national defense, which admissions would tend to involve him in a violation of espionage statutes. It is difficult to believe that the Soviets would have been in contact with Black from about 1934 to as late as 1950 if he were not furnishing them with pertinent information.

It is also noted that it was necessary for the Bureau to go to Black and question him regarding his espionage activity and that he did not come voluntarily to the Bureau.

While Black's cooperation should be solicited to re-establish contact with the Russians if he is ever recontacted by them, it is not considered to be within the province of the Bureau to receive any mail the Department may send him.

Black should be informed that any requests such as the one in reflet should be made directly to the Department by Black.

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SAC, PHILADELPHIA

JOSEPH PELS BARNES

ESPIONAGE - R

INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

(Bufile 77-13677)

Re New York letter dated July 24, 1951.

On September 3, 1951, the captioned subject and his wife, ELIZABETH BARNES, were discussed with THOMAS L. BLACK. BLACK advised that he had no knowledge, personal or otherwise, concerning either of these people.

RUC.

RJW:maq

65-4327

CC: New York (100-90777)

Philadelphia (65-4332)

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-364942)

9/26/51

SAC, PHILADELPHIA

LAWRENCE SHANDEL, wa.
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Re New York reports dated 6/18/51 and 8/22/51.

On 9/3/51 a photograph was shown to THOMAS L. BLACK. He advised that he had never seen or met SHANDEL at any time.

Mr. HAROLD ENTWISLE, Vice-president, Tradesmens National Bank and Trust Company, Philadelphia, advised on 9/14/51 that DAVE GORDON of 5419 Morse Street, Philadelphia, opened a regular checking account on 1/9/51. GORDON is a scrap iron dealer with office at his residence, 5419 Morse Street.

The indices of the Philadelphia Office contain no record of DAVE GORDON.

SE PAUL J. HOTTINGER checked the records of Dun and Bradstreet as well as the records of the Philadelphia Voters Registration without locating any record for GORDON.

This matter is considered RUC.

RGJ:tmd
100-36685

cc: New York (100-94836)
Philadelphia (65-4332)

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DIRECTOR, FBI (65-58068)

10/5/51

SAC, PHILADELPHIA

UNSUB, was., Sheri,
Charles, Shah (Sovms)
ESPIONAGE - R

Re New York report dated 8/15/51.

On 9/3/51, THOMAS L. BLACK, was shown photographs of CHALIAPIN, CHABANOV, and
MIKOPINA. BLACK advised that he had never seen or met any of these people.

On 10/2/51, DAVID GREENGLASS was shown photographs of MIKHAIL ALEXANDROVICH
CHALIAPIN, KONSTANTIN ALEXSEVICH CHABANOV and ZOLA SEMENOVNA MIKOPINA.
GREENGLASS stated he had never seen or met any of these people.

This matter is considered R.U.C.

RGJ:RSM
65-4600

cc: New York (65-13319)

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VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION ON SECURITY INDEX CARD

10/30/51

MEMORANDUM

RE: Thomas Jessing Black, was,
Esp-R.

This Office File

65-4332

The following is the most recent residence address, place of employment and employment address of the above subject as contained on the subject's security index card.

Residence: 530 Berka St.
Phila., Pa.

Employment: Charles W. Berg Laboratories

Address: 1827 N. 5th St. Phila., Pa.

Remarks:

It is requested that the residence address of the subject, place of employment and address of employment be verified and the proper notation be made below:

Residence:

Same

Employment:

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Address:

Verified by: SA Robert G. Jensen

Method of Verification: Interview

Date: 10/10/57

The security index card on this subject should be revised if any changes are noted above.

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SAC (65-4350)

11/14/51

SA ROBERT G. JENSEN

JULIUS ROSENBERG, et al
ESPIONAGE - R

Rebulet dated 10/30/51. (Serial 134 of 65-4350)

Referenced letter advises that the Department had originally requested stops be placed with INS against 33 individuals in this matter. The Department has requested that stops only remain against the following:

WILSON BRUCE DAYTON
MAX ELITCHER
HELENE ELITCHER
WILLIAM PERL
WILLIAM DANZIGER
MICHAEL SIDOROVICH

ANNE SIDOROVICH
BERNETTA SAVIDGE
VIVIAN GLASMAN
THOMAS L. BLACK
LEIDORE G. NEEDLEMAN
BENJAMIN SALLS

Of this group, the INS is authorized to detain WILLIAM PERL only, as an indictment is held for him in New York.

In connection with the others, INS is to notify the nearest FBI field office of the actual or intended departure of the others.

In such an event, the Bureau shall be immediately notified so that the Criminal Division can be requested to furnish an opinion as to the action desired.

RGJ:am

cc: 65-4385 (WILSON BRUCE DAYTON)
65-4293 (MAX & HELENE ELITCHER)
65-4384 (WILLIAM PERL)
65-4388 (WILLIAM DANZIGER)
65-4367 (MICHAEL & ANNE SIDOROVICH)
65-4398 (VIVIAN GLASMAN)
65-4332 (THOMAS L. BLACK)
100-33748 (LEIDORE G. NEEDLEMAN)
65-4347 (BENJAMIN SALLS)

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Director, FBI (65-59330)

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SAC, Philadelphia (65-4352)

CARL BUCHMAN, wa.
ESPIONAGE - R

Re New York tel dated 11/21/51.

On 11/23/51 THOMAS L. BLACK was interviewed. BLACK stated he believed he had seen the person in the photograph of BUCHMAN taken in 1929. However, when shown the photograph of BUCHMAN taken in 1934, BLACK said he thought they were different people. He had no recollection of ever seeing the BUCHMAN in the 1934 photograph.

BLACK was of the impression he saw the BUCHMAN in the photograph of 1929 at the Socialist Workers Party Conference held in Chicago, Ill. on September 27-29, 1940. He had no recollection of BUCHMAN there as an official or in any capacity. However, he said he felt he saw him there.

The fact that CARL BUCHMAN was a musician, singer, conductor and teacher of voice and piano meant nothing to BLACK. The name C. CENDARS, an alias of the subject, was also of no significance to BLACK.

This matter is considered ~~closed~~

ROJ:MEMCO

cc: New York (65-15381)
65-4332 (THOMAS L. BLACK)

65-4332-903

SAC (65-4620)

11/24/51

SA ROBERT G. JENSEN

WALTER BERNSTEIN, was
ESPIONAGE -R

RE New York letter to the Bureau dated 10/22/51.

THOMAS L. BLACK was interviewed on 11/23/51 by the writer. BLACK advised that he had never seen or met BERNSTEIN at any time.

RQJ:rgj

cc: 65-4332 ✓

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THOMAS L. BLACK, ESP-R.

REURTELEPHONE CALL RE THIS CASE. BUREAU SEES NO NECESSITY FOR AGENTS TO SERVE GRAND JURY SUBPOENA ON BLACK AND USA-S OFFICE SHOULD BE SO ADVISED.

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*Miss Boyd
key to Mr. McConnell
advised - sk mail
Mr. McC
Jensen*

*noted 11:00 am
12-3-51*

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-100482)

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SAC, PHILADELPHIA

LUCY GWYNNE BRANHAM
ESPIONAGE - R

Reference is made to New York Report dated October 2, 1951.

A photograph of LUCY GWYNNE BRANHAM was shown to THOMAS L. BLACK on October 10, 1951. BLACK advised he had never seen or met the subject.

This matter is considered HUC

RGJ:RAS

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cc: 65-4332

cc: New York (65-15662)

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Director, FBI (100-377090)

11/26/51

SAC, Philadelphia (105-811)

MADELINE ROSS, wa.,
Mrs. Jack I. Isidoff
INTERNAL SECURITY - R
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Re New York letter dated 11/2/51.

On 11/23/51, THOMAS L. BLACK advised the above captioned subject was unknown to him. He was specifically asked if he had any knowledge of MADELINE ROSS being involved in the Trotskyite movement in any way. BLACK stated the photograph was that of a person completely unknown to him.

This matter is considered RUC.

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RGJ:MEG

cc: New York (105-1596)
6-432 (THOMAS L. BLACK)

65-4332-907
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Director, FBI

(65-60115)

11/28/51

SAC, Philadelphia

(65-4642)

MR. MAURICE PROCHT
ESPIONAGE - R

Re New York letter dated November 9, 1951.

The above-captioned individual was discussed with THOMAS L. BLACK on November 23, 1951.

BLACK stated that he was positive that he had seen this person before. He advised that he believed he had met this man on one occasion in a large six or eight room apartment in the Bronx near the Grand Concourse. BLACK said that he recalled on one occasion wandering about the Grand Concourse looking for a street that opened off of it. He believes that he was looking for the residence of the person shown to him in the photograph of PROCHT. He was not able to be more specific about the apartment or its location.

His reason for attending a party held at this apartment was in connection with raising money for the magazine 'SOVIET RUSSIA TODAY'. BLACK said the party was sponsored by the Friends of the Soviet Union. The party was in the nature of a buffet style dinner and every time food was picked up you were expected to make a donation for the magazine according to BLACK. The other people at the gathering were people of the intellectual type and not the 'true proletariat' according to BLACK.

He advised that he has a recollection of talking to this man. He also associates some kind of an accent with this person, perhaps a German one. This person was described by BLACK as being smaller than average in height, and as being of average build and weight for his height. BLACK also said that he believed this person to be of dark complexion with dark hair and a tendency towards baldness. He had no knowledge that the person he met was a doctor or that he was married. BLACK also advised that he associated the name KREBS with the photograph. He stated that the name PROCHT meant absolutely nothing to him. The time of this party as nearly as BLACK can place it was shortly after BLACK became a Communist Party member. In this connection, it should be noted that BLACK has advised that he became a Communist Party member in 1931. However, a search of BLACK's personal effects on June 17, 1950 reflected a Communist Party Membership Book, #6878, issued to BLACK under an alias in 1933 showing he was admitted to the Communist Party in 1932.

cc - New York
PH 65-4332

RMJ:JPM

65-4332-910

Director

11/28/51

It is being suggested that the New York Office recontact THEODORE MacLEAN SWITZ and determine if the name KREBS is of any significance.

This matter is considered RUC.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (65-4332)

FROM : ELMER C. MULLEN, SA

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK, was
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: 12/19/51

On 12/17/51 at 2:15 p.m. EDWARD W. HELLER, 6740 N. 5th Street, President of Clarkson Laboratories, 919 N. 9th Street, Philadelphia, Pa., telephone No. MA 7-6764, telephonically contacted the writer and stated as follows:

HELLER and MORRIS COPPERSMITH are partners in the firm of Clarkson Laboratories which manufacture dishwashing compounds and cleaning compounds, some of which are supplied to the armed forces. These individuals and MILTON SLOAN, chemist, who is a cousin of COPPERSMITH, have formed a new corporation known as Manufacturers Chemical Corporation, 925 N. 9th Street, Philadelphia, Pa. SLOAN is the President of this firm which will manufacture textile syrups for the textile industry, but not under armed forces contracts.

SLOAN is a former employee of CHARLES W. BERG LABORATORIES, 1827 N. 5th Street, and knows THOMAS L. BLACK as a fellow employee and excellent chemist. For this reason, they approached BLACK to take employment with the new firm, Manufacturers Chemical Corporation, as of 2/1/51. BLACK is apparently going to accept the position but due to the fact he has informed them of being questioned by the FBI in regard to the "GOLD" case.

In view of this information, HELLER desired to ascertain if the FBI had questioned BLACK or if BLACK had been cleared. The writer informed HELLER that the records of the FBI are confidential and that it is not the policy or the function of the FBI to "clear" individuals.

HELLER advised that he realized this fact and understands the reasoning behind same.

HELLER was advised that if for any reason additional information might be required, the FBI would contact him.

It should be noted that the indices are negative as to HELLER, SLOAN, and COPPERSMITH. These names are being indexed to this memo.

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TO : SAC (65-4332)

FROM : SA ROBERT G. JENSEN

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: 1/4/52

On 12/18/51, THOMAS L. BLACK advised the writer that he had been seriously considering taking a position as chemist with a new firm, the Manufacturers Chemical Corporation, 925 N. 9th St. This firm is a subsidiary of the Clarkson Laboratories, 919 N. 9th St. BLACK said he had been offered the position by Milton Sloan, a salesman at Chas. W. Berg Laboratories. Sloan will be a partner in the new firm.

BLACK said the new firm would specialize in detergents for textiles some of which might be utilized by the military branches of this government. BLACK asked if his taking a position with the new firm might not jeopardize the new firm in securing military contracts. He added that the type work the new firm would be able to do would not involve classified work of any nature. He also said that he did not believe SLOAN had any knowledge of his past activities.

BLACK was told that the Bureau was in no way responsible for his actions in the past and the question of his changing jobs would have to be his own decision. He was also told that it was not the policy or function of the FBI to issue clearances for individuals.

He said that he was aware of this, but wondered if he took the job, might he not be considered a security risk and thereby cause the new firm to risk losing any government contracts they might have. He was told that whether he constituted a security risk or not would have to be a decision made by the particular agency who might grant a contract to the firm in question.

BLACK said he understood the Bureau's policy but did want our office to know that he was considering a job change as well as the possibility that on the new job he would work on government material of a non-classified nature.

RGJ:MPL

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Black advised he
was turned down for job.
He told HARRIS COOPERSON
that to some 7204 NILES in
Rivers Digest article re
HARRY GOLD last May 1951
from declining priority to him Eim.
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TO : SAC (65-4332)

FROM : SA ROBERT G. JENSEN:

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: 1/3/52

On December 18, 1951, THOMAS L. BLACK, called the writer and advised as follows:

BUD ALKUS, a partner in the Charles W. Berg Laboratories had told him that a couple of men representing themselves as Federal men had been in the neighborhood making inquiries about him. BLACK said ALKUS told him that these inquiries had been made in the past few weeks. ALKUS also told him he learned these men had sat in a car in the neighborhood on a couple of occasions. On one occasion they had entered the tavern at 1816 Germantown Avenue, and had drinks with the bartender, EDDY, while asking about BLACK.

BLACK was quite upset emotionally over this incident and wanted to know if men from our organization might be observing him again. He was asked if he felt there was any reason that our organization should be making inquiry of neighbors about him. BLACK advised there was no reason that he could think of warranting additional inquiry.

He then advised he was afraid that these men pretending to be Federal men were actually Soviets making inquiries about him. He said he felt sure it would be the way the Soviets would go about re-establishing contact. He also said that the fact these men drank while on duty made him believe very strongly they were not Federal men.

The writer proceeded to the Charles W. Berg Laboratories, 1827 North 5th Street, Philadelphia, and contacted BUD ALKUS there. ALKUS furnished in essence the same story about the Federal men as did BLACK. However, he indicated his source for the information was EDWARD FLORKOWSKI owner of Eddy's Tavern, 1816 Germantown Avenue.

EDWARD FLORKOWSKI advised that approximately 1½ to 2 months ago he saw a pair of men sitting in a car outside his tavern on two occasions. The second time, he saw them, he accosted them and asked if he could help them in any way. FLORKOWSKI said he was afraid they were watching his tavern to see if he complied with various rules pertaining to saloons. However,

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these men told FLORKOWSKI, they were interested in someone who lived on Sixth Street and that they were Federal men. They displayed no credentials or badges, nor did they come into the Tavern and accept a drink. FLORKOWSKI said after he accosted them, they left the area and he has not seen them since. He was unable to furnish a description of the automobile or the men other than they were both white. FLORKOWSKI said definitely that the two men made no inquiries of him concerning any person or any firms in the immediate area.

ALKUS was recontacted and asked about the variance in the story. He said he may have misunderstood FLORKOWSKI when he first heard the story. ALKUS also said that a year ago ^{have} when BLACK was under observation some of the people in the neighborhood assumed it was the FBI and he might inadvertently assumed the Federal men, FLORKOWSKI spoke of, were from our organization and interested in BLACK again.

Later in the day BLACK again contacted the writer and wanted to know if his suspicions were right and if the men were Soviets, what could he do. He was told that the situation had taken place about one and one-half to two months ago and the story had become enlarged at each retelling.

BLACK said he was thankful for that, but because of his suspicions about the Soviets recontacting him he wanted this office to know. He also advised that in the future as soon as he learns about what he may consider Soviet efforts to recontact him, he will immediately notify this office.

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TO : SAC (65-4332) *in C D*

FROM : SA JEREMIAH W. DOYLE

SUBJECT: TOM BLACK
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: 1/7/52

On 12/28/51 EDWARD W. HELLER, President of Clarkson Laboratory, 919 North 9th Street, Philadelphia, Pa., telephone Market 7-6764, telephonically contacted the Philadelphia Office and asked whether this Bureau had investigated TOM BLACK and if so, whether BLACK had been cleared.

HELLER advised he has been instrumental in setting up a new company to be known as Manufactures Chemical Corporation and that this new company was considering hiring BLACK as a Chemist. He added that BLACK is currently employed as a Chemist for another company in Philadelphia, Pa.

HELLER stated that he had recently contacted another agent in the Philadelphia Office, whose name he could not recall, relative to BLACK but that this agent had not furnished him any information as to whether the Bureau had investigated BLACK and if so, whether BLACK had been cleared.

The writer advised HELLER that information as to whether or not BLACK had been investigated by the FBI and if so, whether BLACK had been cleared, was confidential and could not be disclosed to him.

A review of BLACK'S file indicates that SA ELMER MULLEN was the agent whom HELLER previously contacted as set forth in SA MULLEN'S memorandum dated 12/19/51.

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SAC, PHILADELPHIA (100-30832)

MAX GRANICH, was.
Grace Granich, was.
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Re Albany letters dated 12/8/51 and 12/11/51.

On 1/10/52, THOMAS L. BLACK was interviewed for any information he might have concerning MAX GRANICH or GRACE GRANICH. He advised that he had never seen or met either of these people under any circumstances.

In connection with the Albany letter dated 12/11/51, the Bureau is requested to advise this office if the suggested interview should be held. It should be noted that JOSEPHINE HERBST of Erwinna, Pa., is undoubtedly identical with the subject of Bufiles #101-5244 and 77-23062.

RCJ/eav

cc: Albany (100-9230)
Ph (65-4332)

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SAC (105-831)

1/14/52

SA ROBERT G. JENSEN

MARTIN YOUNG, was.
INTERNAL SECURITY - R
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Re N.Y. report of SA JOHN A. HANISCH, dated 12/17/51.

On 1/10/52, THOMAS L. BLACK was interviewed for any information he might have concerning MARTIN YOUNG. BLACK advised he had never seen or met YOUNG at any time.

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cc: 65-4332 (T.L. BLACK)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: 2-26-52

TO: SA MICHAEL E. DAVY

FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (65-4332)

SUBJECT: THOMAS LESSING BLAKE
ESPIONAGE - R

The subject of this case is now your responsibility for handling in accordance with the series of recent conferences.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: 2-26-52

TO: SA MICHAEL E. DAVY

FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (65-4332)

SUBJECT: THOMAS LESSING HASK
ESPIONAGE - R

The subject of this case is now your responsibility for handling in accordance with the series of recent conferences.

WBW:llw

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SAC, Pittsburgh

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Director, FBI (65-59181)

THOMAS L. BLACK, was.
ESPIONAGE - R

Pittsburgh is requested to furnish Philadelphia
with copies of photographs of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Since Black was known to have
worked for Ouakian, it is believed that [REDACTED]
description should be furnished to Black and [REDACTED]
photographs exhibited to him [REDACTED] qualifies
as a candidate for any of the various unknown subjects who
were in contact with Black.

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cc - Philadelphia

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SAC, PHILADELPHIA (105-914)

MAURICE A. MINUTO
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Re New York letter dated 2/19/52.

HARRY GOLD and DAVID GREENGLASS were interviewed on March 4 and 6, 1952, respectively, by SA W. JAMES WOOD at the Federal Penitentiary, Lewisburg, Pa. Both advised that they had never had any contact with MAURICE A. MINUTO.

THOMAS L. BLACK was interviewed on March 13, 1952, by SA ROBERT O. JENSEN, at Philadelphia. He advised that he had never seen or met MINUTO at any time.

This matter is considered RUC.

RGJ:mjt

cc: New York (105-3856)

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VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION ON SECURITY INDEX CARD

MEMORANDUM

4-3-52

RE: THOMAS LESSING BLACK
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This Office File 65-4332

The following is the most recent residence address, place of employment and employment address of the above subject as contained on the subject's security index card.

Residence: 530 Berks Street
Philadelphia, Pa.

Employment: Charles W. Berg Laboratories

Address: 1827 North 5th Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Remarks: Cross-telephone directory shows no listing for 530 Berks St.

It is requested that the residence address of the subject, place of employment and address of employment be verified and the proper notation be made below:

Residence: *SAME*

Employment: *SAME*

Address:

Verified by: *SAR G JENSEN*

Method of Verification: *INTERVIEW*

Date: *4/3/52*

The security index card on this subject should be revised if any changes are noted above.

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933	4-21-52	caption: third party	1	0	(copy in Harry Gold's PH file)
934	4-22-52	caption: third party	1	0	(copy in Gold's PH file)
935	4-22-52	caption: third party	1	0	(copy in Gold's PH file)
936	4-24-52	caption: third party	1	0	(copy in Gold's PH file)
937	4-24-52	caption: third party	5	0	(copy in Gold's PH file)
938	4-25-52	caption: third party	1	0	(copy in Gold's PH file)
939	4-25-52	caption: third party	1	0	(copy in Gold's PH file)
940	5-2-52	caption: third party	1	1	
941	5-2-52	caption: third party	2	2	
942	5-10-52	caption: third party	1	0	(copy in Gold's PH file)
943	5-10-52	caption: third party	1	0	(copy in Gold's PH file)
944	5-12-52	caption: third party	1	0	(copy in Gold's PH file)

VOLUME 17File No: 65-9577Re: William J. MillerDate: 10/12/78
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944	5-17-52	LETTER TO MR caption: third party	1	0	SEE HQ 65-59181 (copy in Gold's PH file)
945	5-19-52	LETTER TO MR	1	0	SEE PH 65-4707
946	5-19-52	LETTER TO MR	1	1	
947	5-18-52	LETTER TO MR	1	0	SEE HQ 65-59181
948	5-27-52	PS LETTER TO MR	1	0	SEE HQ 65-59181
949	6-9-52	caption: third party LETTER TO MR	1	1	
950	6-13-52	SA TO SPC	1	1	
951	6-9-52	caption: third party LETTER TO MR	1	1	
952	7-8-52	caption: third party LETTER TO MR	2	2	
953	7-15-52	caption: third party LETTER TO MR	2	2	
954	7-14-52	caption: third party LETTER TO MR	2	2	
955	7-9-52	caption: third party LETTER TO MR	1	0	(copy in Gold's file) SEE PH 65-4707

VOLUME 17File No: 2-1172Re: THOMAS B. BROWNDate: 10/1/85
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956	7-10-52	Caption: third party NY Ltr 7-10-52 to HQ	1	0	(copy in Gold's PH file) SEE Ltr 6-5-4302 NY 11/52
957	7-25-52	NY INTERNAL MEMO	1	1	
958	7-24-52	NY Ltr 7-24-52 to HQ	1	0	SEE HQ 6-5-39181
959	7-9-52	NY Ltr 7-9-52 to HQ	1	1	
960	7-10-52	Caption: third party NY Ltr 7-10-52 to HQ	1	1	
961	7-30-52	NY Ltr 7-30-52 to HQ	1	0	(copy in Gold's PH file) SEE HQ 6-5-4302
962	7-31-52	NY Ltr 7-31-52 to HQ	1	1	
963	7-31-52	NY Ltr 7-31-52 to HQ	2	0	SEE HQ 6-5-43181
964	8-7-52	Caption: third party NY Ltr 8-7-52 to HQ	1	0	(copy in Gold's PH file) SEE NY Ltr 6-5-4302
965	8-8-52	Caption: third party NY Ltr 8-8-52 to HQ	1	1	
966	8-8-52	Caption: third party NY Ltr 8-8-52 to HQ	3	0	(copy in Gold's PH file) SEE NY Ltr 6-5-4302
967	8-11-52	Caption: third party NY Ltr 8-11-52 to HQ	1	1	

VOLUME 17File No: 65-1517Re: JOHN J. CONNELLEYDate: 10/1/78
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968	8-25-52	MEMORANDUM TO SAC PHILA	1	1	
969	9-2-52	HA LETTER TO HQ	1	0	SEE HQ 65-59181
970	10-13-52	HA LETTER TO HQ	1	0	SEE HQ 65-59181
971	10-13-52	LETTER TO SAC PHILA	3	3	
972	10-19-52	HQ LETTER TO PH	1	0	SEE HQ 65-59181
972	10-29-52	(COPY OF MEMO) HQA LETTER TO PH	1	0	SEE HQ 65-59181
973	11-4-52	PS LETTER TO HQ	3	0	SEE HQ 65-59181
973	11-4-52	(COPY OF MEMO) PS LETTER TO HQ BY PH	3	0	SEE HQ 65-59181
974	11-26-52	HA LETTER TO HQ	1	0	SEE HQ 65-59181
975	12-4-52	HA LETTER TO HQ	1	0	SEE HQ 65-59181
976	12-10-52	HQ LETTER TO PH	1	0	SEE HQ 65-59181
976	12-10-52	(COPY OF MEMO) HQA LETTER TO PH	1	0	SEE HQ 65-59181

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977	1-6-53	INTERNAL MEMO	1	1	
978	1-15-53	HQ LETTER TO HQ	1	0	SEE HQ 65-59181
979	1-19-53	HQ LETTER TO HQ	1	0	SEE HQ 65-59181-344
980	1-26-53	HQ LETTER TO HQ	1	0	SEE HQ 65-59181 HQ FILE
980	1-26-53	(COPY) HQ LETTER TO HQ	1	0	SEE HQ 65-59181 HQ FILE
981	1-30-53	HQ LETTER TO HQ	1	0	SEE HQ 65-59181 HQ FILE
981	1-30-53	(COPY) HQ LETTER TO HQ	1	0	SEE HQ 65-59181 HQ FILE
982	UNFILED	INTERNAL MEMO	1	1	
983	4-7-53	HQ LETTER TO HQ	1	0	SEE HQ FILE 65-59181
984	4-7-53	(COPY) HQ LETTER TO HQ	1	0	SEE HQ FILE 65-59181
984	4-7-53	HQ LETTER TO HQ	1	0	SEE HQ FILE 65-59181
985	4-21-53	HQ LETTER TO HQ	1	0	SEE HQ FILE 65-59181

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985	4-27-53	NY LETTER TO PH	1	0	SEE HQ FILE 65-59181
986	4-12-53	NY LETTER TO HQ	1	0	See HQ 65-59181-348
986	4-10-53	copy of above NY LETTER TO HQ	1	0	See HQ 65-59181-348
987	4-27-53	NY LETTER TO HQ	3	0	See HQ 65-59181
987	4-27-53	(CONT) NY LETTER TO HQ	3	0	See HQ 65-59181
988	5-14-53	NY LETTER TO HQ	1	0	SEE HQ FILE 65-59181
989	5-20-53	NY LETTER TO HQ	1	0	See HQ 65-59181-351
990	5-28-53	NY LETTER TO HQ	1	0	10-2-79 P2281 SEE HQ FILE 65-59181-351
990	5-28-53	(CONT) NY LETTER TO HQ	1	0	10-2-79 P2281 SEE HQ FILE 65-59181-350
991	6-8-53	NY LETTER TO HQ, NY	2	0	SEE HQ FILE 65-59181
992	6-18-53	SE NY LETTER TO HQ, NY	2	0	See HQ 65-59181
992	6-18-53	(CONT) SE NY LETTER TO HQ, NY	2	0	See HQ 65-59181

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993	6-9-53	INTERNAL MEMO	1	1	
994	7-16-53	S.E. LETTER TO HQ	3	0	SEE HQ FILE 65-57181
995	6-25-53	caption: third party SE NK LETTER TO HQ, PH	2	0	Copy in Black's NK file see NK 65-4074
996	6-29-53	NK LETTER TO HQ	4	0	SEE HQ FILE 65-57181
997	10-17-53	INTERNAL MEMO	1	1	
998	10-22-53	S.E. LETTER TO HQ	1	0	11-2-77 P2281 SEE HQ FILE 65-57181-NR
999	11-5-53	HQ LETTER TO HQ	1	0	SEE HQ FILE 65-57181
1000	11-5-53	HQ LETTER TO HQ	1	0	SEE HQ FILE 65-57181
1001	4-5-54	INTERNAL MEMO	1	1	
1002	5-11-54	PH LETTER TO HQ	1	0	SEE HQ FILE 65-57181
1003	5-21-54	PH LETTER TO HQ	1	0	SEE HQ FILE 65-57181
1004	5-11-54	PH LETTER TO HQ	1	0	SEE HQ FILE 65-57181

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1005	11-4-54	(TRANSMITTAL COPY) NY TELETYPE TO HQ	2	0	10-2-79 F2281 See HQ 65-59181-365
1005	11-4-54	(TRANSMITTAL COPY) NY TELETYPE TO HQ	2	0	10-2-79 F2281 See HQ 65-59181-365
1006	11-5-54	(TRANSMITTAL COPY) NY TELETYPE TO HQ	1	1	Placed in F2281 10-2-79
1007	11-5-54	(TRANSMITTAL COPY) NY TELETYPE TO HQ	1	0	10-2-79 F2281 See HQ 65-59181-368
1007	11-5-54	(TRANSMITTAL COPY) NY TELETYPE TO HQ	1	0	10-2-79 F2281 See HQ 65-59181-368
1008	11-8-54	SAC MEMO TO FILE BURNING QUESTION	1	1	
1009	11-11-54	ADMINISTRATIVE BURNING QUESTION	1	1	
1009	11-11-54	ADMINISTRATIVE (COPY) BURNING QUESTION	1	1	dup 1
1010	11-17-54	SAC MEMO TO SAC	1	1	
1011	11-18-54	NY TELETYPE TO HQ	1	0	10-2-79 F2281 See HQ 65-59181-NIC after 369
1012	11-14-54	NY TELETYPE TO HQ	1	0	10-2-79 F2281 See HQ 65-59181-369
1013	11-18-54	BURNING QUESTION ADMINISTRATIVE	2	2	re-released to 65-59181-369

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1014	4-28-55	PH LETTER TO HQ	3	0	SEE HQ FILE 65-59181
1015	5-12-55	HQ LETTER TO PH, NIK	1	0	SEE HQ 65-59181
1015	5-17-55	(COPY) HQ LETTER TO PH, NIK	1	0	SEE HQ 65-59181
1016	11-4-54	PH LETTER TO HQ	1	1	
1017	6-30-55	PH LETTER TO HQ	2	0	SEE HQ 65-59181
1018	7-22-55	NIK LETTER TO HQ	1	0	SEE HQ FILE 65-59181
1019	8-8-55	PH LETTER TO HQ	1	0	SEE HQ FILE 65-59181
1020	9-30-55	PH LETTER TO HQ	13	0	SEE HQ FILE 65-59181
1021	12-5-55	PH LETTER TO HQ	1	0	SEE HQ FILE 65-59181
1022	1-16-56	PH LETTER TO HQ	1	0	10-2-77 #2281 SEE HQ FILE 65-59181-379
1023	1-30-56	PH LETTER TO HQ	1	0	SEE HQ FILE 65-59181
1024	10-1-55	PH LETTER TO HQ	18	18	

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1025	2-13-56	NY LETTER TO HQ	2	0	SEE HQ FILE 65-59181
1026	3-8-56	NY LETTER TO HQ	2	0	SEE HQ FILE 65-59181
1026	3-8-56	(COPIES) NY LETTER TO HQ	2	0	SEE HQ FILE 65-59181
1027	3-27-56	NY LETTER TO HQ	5	0	SEE HQ FILE 65-59181
1028	4-3-56	NY LETTER TO HQ	1	0	SEE HQ FILE 65-59181
1029	4-20-56	NY LETTER TO HQ	2	0	SEE HQ FILE 65-59181
1029	4-20-56	NY LETTER TO HQ	2	0	SEE HQ FILE 65-59181
1030	5-3-56	NY LETTER TO HQ	2	0	SEE HQ FILE 65-59181
1031	5-4-56	NY LETTER TO HQ	2	0	SEE HQ FILE 65-59181
1032	5-7-56	(COPIES FROM HQ) NY LETTER TO HQ	1	0	see HQ 65-59181
1032	5-7-56	(COPIES FROM HQ) NY LETTER TO HQ	1	0	see HQ 65-59181
1033	5-11-56	NY LETTER TO HQ	2	0	10-2-79 F2281 SEE HQ FILE 65-59181-394

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1034	5-16-56	NK LETTER TO HQ	2	0	SEE HQ FILE 65-59181
1035	5-17-56	PH LETTER TO HQ	2	0	SEE HQ FILE 65-59181
1036	5-17-56	LETTER TO HQ	1	1	
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1038	5-21-56	NK TELETYPE TO HQ PH	1	0	See HQ 65-59181
1039	5-31-56	PH LETTER TO HQ	4	0	SEE HQ FILE 65-59181
1040	5-17-56	LETTER TO HQ	1	1	
1041	5-22-56	LETTER TO HQ	2	2	
1041	5-22-56	LETTER TO HQ	1	1	
1041	5-22-56	LETTER TO HQ	1	1	

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1041	7-6-56	NY REPORT TO HQ, NY	6	0	SEE HQ FILE 65-59181
1045	7-12-56	NY REPORT TO HQ, NY	4	0	SEE HQ FILE 65-59181
1046	7-2-56	NY REPORT TO HQ, NY	3	0	SEE HQ FILE 65-59181
1047	11-1-56	Caption: third Party NY LETTER TO HQ	2	0	(copy in Black's HQ file) SEE HQ FILE 65-59181
1048	12-4-56	NY LETTER TO HQ	2	0	SEE HQ FILE 65-59181
1049	12-27-56	NY LETTER TO HQ	1	0	SEE HQ FILE 65-59181
1050	1-8-57	NY LETTER TO HQ	1	0	See NK 65-4074
1051	1-1-57	NY LETTER TO serial 1057	3	0	10-2-77 F2281 Volume 13 See HQ 65-59181-421 EBF
1052	6-14-56	NY LETTER TO serial 1057	3	0	10-2-77 F2281 Volume 13 See HQ 65-59181-421 EBF
1053	6-12-56	NY LETTER TO serial 1057	4	0	10-2-77 F2281 Volume 13 See HQ 65-59181-421 EBF
1054	6-12-56	NY LETTER TO serial 1057	3	0	10-2-77 F2281 Volume 13 See HQ 65-59181-421 EBF
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Director, FBI 65-60523

5/2/52

SAC, Philadelphia (65-4725)

UNKNOWN SUBJECT; Woman Doctor
who was Associated With Dr.
Gregori Rabinovitch and
Sylvia Callen in 1939
ESPIONAGE - R

Re New York Report of SAA BERNARD D. WARREN dated 4/4/52.

Referenced report contained no leads for this office. However, THOMAS L. BLACK was interviewed on 4/17/52, for any information he might have. It being noted that BLACK has identified Dr. GREGORI RABINOVITCH as a person he met in the past. BLACK has also admitted engaging in Trotskyite work on behalf of the Soviets. He is seemingly the only logical source to be contacted by this office. However, BLACK was unable to furnish any information concerning the unknown subject in this matter.

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cc: New York (65-15722)
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DIRECTOR, FBI (65-59341)

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SAC, PHILADELPHIA (65-4371)

UNKNOWN SUBJECT; UNKNOWN CONSULTANT
AT ASMAI DARI, EGPT, 1946-1949
ESPIONAGE - R

Re: of SA J. A. A. HARRINGTON, dated 4/26/52, at New York.

It was noted that referenced report sets forth certain background information on Dr. THOMAS VON KARMAN. Particularly of interest is the fact that VON KARMAN settled permanently in California in 1930. It is also noted that VON KARMAN became Director of the Guggenheim Laboratory at the California Institute of Technology and Director of Research of the Guggenheim Airship Institute. He became a citizen of the United States in 1936. From information available in this report, it would appear that VON KARMAN still maintains a residence at Pasadena, California.

(u) In view of the possibility that VON KARMAN may well be identical with the unknown subject in this matter, the following is being called to the attention of the Bureau and the New York Office.

It will be recalled that THOMAS L. BLACK advised that on one occasion, PAUL PETERSEN wanted him to attend the California Institute of Technology. PETERSEN told BLACK that the Soviets had a valuable contact there. BLACK said he rejected the offer on the grounds it was too expensive and impractical. PETERSEN told BLACK that he made inquiry at the California Institute of Technology and had learned a student could stay in graduate school for almost an indefinite period carrying a light academic load. PETERSEN also offered to open a bank account for BLACK with enough money in it to maintain BLACK while at the California Institute of Technology. On the basis of this information, BLACK was of the opinion this contact at the California Institute of Technology was considered excellent by the Soviets. PAUL PETERSEN was the Soviet superior of THOMAS L. BLACK from approximately 1935 through 1937. These dates seemingly coincide with the period that VON KARMAN was in an important position at the California Institute of Technology.

The Philadelphia Office has no information that VON KARMAN is identical with the unknown contact at the California Institute of Technology. However, it is believed this possibility should not be overlooked in any future interviews of VON KARMAN.

RGJ:sjh, jmh

cc: New York (65-15384)
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It should also be noted that WILLIAM PERL did attend California Institute of Technology in 1946. If the possibility exists that VON KARMAN may be the principal involved herein, the pertinency of PERL's enrollment at the California Institute of Technology and later at Columbia University, where he acted as an assistant to VON KARMAN, should be explored.

(u)

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE:

5/19/52

TO: SA Furman H. Green

FROM: SAC

SUBJECT: Thomas Black
IS-R

The subject of this case is under your responsibility for handling in accordance with the series of report conferences.

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Director, FBI (100-1556)

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SAC, Philadelphia (65-4426)

BERNARD SCHUSTER, was
Bernard Chester, Boris Szuster,
Comrade Chester, Chester
ESPIONAGE - R

Rebuttel dated 5/12/52.

THOMAS L. BLACK was interviewed by SA ROBERT G. JENSEN on 6/5/52. BLACK stated he had never seen or met the subject at any time. The photograph and descriptive data were of no assistance in attempting an identification of BERNARD SCHUSTER. (v)

This matter is considered RUC.

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- 1 New York (100-268)
- 1 Philadelphia (65-4332)

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TO : SAC (65-4332)

DATE: 6/13/52

FROM : SA FURMAN N. GREER

SUBJECT: THOMAS BLACK

IS - R

In accordance with recent SAC conference, the following investigation was conducted by the writer:

The subject was observed on 6/5/52 in the Philadelphia office. He appeared at this office for the purpose of an interview with SA ROBERT G. JENSEN in another matter.

It is to be noted that the subject is a bachelor, residing at 530 Berks Street, and employed at Charles W. Reid Laboratories, 1827 North Fifth Street, Philadelphia; therefore, no unusual circumstances are seen to be prevailing in his case.

The subject bears a very close resemblance to his photograph, and the writer feels that he will be able to identify BLACK at a later date.

It is also to be noted that BLACK has been cooperative in furnishing information to this office regarding IS-R.

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SAC, Philadelphia (65-4730)

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ESPIONAGE - R

Re New York letter dated 5/2/52.

THOMAS L. BLANCH on 6/5/52 advised SA ROBERT G. JENSEN that he could furnish no information concerning the subject.

This matter is considered ~~Re~~

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- 1 - Philadelphia (65-4332)

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-341845)

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SAC, PHILADELPHIA (100-18396)

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DANIEL ABRAHAM ZARET, was
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

INTERSTATE AGENCIES
AND FIELD OFFICES
ADVISE BY ROUTING SLIP

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Enclosed is the summary report of SA H. COURTNEY CLINCH dated 7/2/52.

It is suggested, after an intensive review of instant case and related matters, that the new office of origin may wish to consider this case from an espionage viewpoint as well as internal security.

This because:

- 1 - ZARET remains the principal suspect in the case entitled "UNKNOWN SUBJECT, Chemist Contact of GAIK OVAKIMIAN, ESPIONAGE - R", in which New York is origin.
- 2 - Leads in instant report when covered may reflect that BERNARD BARASH and ZARET were intimately acquainted in 1942 and that it was not a coincidence that he contacted ZARET at the DSM Project in 1945.
- 3 - Leads when covered may reflect that PHILIP DUNAWAY, Interstate Commerce Commission, may be identical with PHILIP HOWARD DUNAWAY, a subject in the case entitled, "NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, was, et al - ESPIONAGE - R", in which Newark is now origin.

It is known that PHILIP HOWARD DUNAWAY was in contact with "Mr. and Mrs. J. ZARET, 4863 2nd Boulevard, Detroit, Mich., subject's brother. This information was set forth as the result of a mail cover on DUNAWAY and reported by SA LAWRENCE G. ZANDER 3/11/47, in the SILVERMASTER case.

- 4 - ZARET's anxiety to work at the John Crerar Library, Chicago, Ill., as expressed by his statement that he now has a Ph.D. degree.
- 5 - The manner in which ZARET left Spain in 1938. It is believed that only persons of high rank and importance would have been given airplane transportation to leave Spain and that the rank and file of the ALB were left to their own resources.

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It is to be noted that ZARET was allowed to retain his passport, that he was up-graded in a short time from Lieutenant to Captain, and that he took part in top level discussions between the leaders of the Republican Government and the Russian Staff. (S)

It is also to be noted that ZARET has been placed in the Security Index because of his service in the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, and his knowledge of explosives rather than Communist Party or related activities.

- 6 - The pattern of employment should be considered together with all the above since ZARET has made frequent changes of employment both in time and calling. They vary from three weeks to four years and from powder pounder to college instructor to stock clerk. Known espionage agents have pointed out that "patterns of employment" are important in the valuating of espionage activities.

On 6/5/52, ZARET's picture was exhibited to THOMAS BLACK by SA ROBERT C. JENSEN. BLACK could not identify ZARET. This was done because BLACK also was a chemist in this area during the 1940's and a possibility exists that ZARET may have engaged in espionage activities.

It is suggested that in view of the above, the Bureau may wish to re-evaluate this case prior to disseminating copies of the enclosed report to outside agencies.

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COMPROS. REMITEL JUL 1 FOURTEEN. THOMAS L. BLACK, WAS, ESP, R, BUFILE SIXTYFIVE DASH FIVE NINE ONE EIGHT NAUGHT, WAS DISCUSSED WITH AUSA A. J. LUONGO ON JULY FOURTEEN. AUSA LUONGO ADVISED HE HOPED TO SUMMON BLACK BEFORE GRAND JURY IN AUGUST SOMETIME. AFTER HAVING BLACK TELL HIS STORY TO GJ, AUSA LUONGO ADVISED BLACK'S REGISTRATION AS AGENT OF FOREIGN PRINCIPAL WOULD BE SOLICITED. DURING DISCUSSION AUSA LUONGO STATED HE TENTATIVELY EXPECTED TO FOLLOW A SIMILAR PROCEDURE IN CASES INVOLVING RODERICK KOENIG ESKEW, ESP, R, BUFILE ONE HUNDRED DASH TEN NINETYEIGHT - STERLING TAYLOR ROCHESTER, SM, C, BUFILE ONE HUNDRED DASH THREE THREE ONE SEVEN FOUR - AND CARL REVE, IS, C, BUFILE ONE HUNDRED DASH ONE TWO NINE NINE SEVEN. IN CONNECTION WITH ESKEW MATTER, AUSA LUONGO STATED THIS CASE WEIGH IT AND HIS MIND NOT DEFINITELY MADE UP AS TO PROCEDURE OR DECISION HE WOULD MAKE IN THIS MATTER. RE ERIC WINSTON, IS, C, BUFILE ONE HUNDRED DASH THREE SIX FOUR NINE SEVEN SEVEN, AUSA LUONGO STATED THIS RELATIVELY SIMPLE MATTER. CASE PRINCIPALLY ONE OF FIGHTING AND RETURNING OF INDICTMENT ON BASIS OF FALSE STATEMENT GIVEN BY WINSTON. CONCERNING DAVID NEIFELD, LMRA, BUFILE ONE TWO TWO DASH TWO EIGHT SEVEN - CHARLES PATSY NYCE, LMRA,

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100-28565 (WINSTON)
121-3112 (ESKEW)

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BUFILE ONE TWO TWO DASH THREE FIVE EIGHT - JAMES PRICE, LMRA,
BUFILE ONE TWO TWO DASH ONE NINE FOUR, AUSA LUONGO STATED THESE
IN ESSENCE VIOLATION OF TART HARTLEY LAW AND WOULD REQUIRE
DIFFERENT ATTACHMENT THAN OTHERS. AUSA LUONGO STATED IN BLACK CASE
HE HOPED TO EXPLOIT POSSIBLE AREAS OF CONFLICT AS REVEALED IN
REPORTS RE BLACK THAT HE HAS REVIEWED. HE STATED IT WAS POSSIBLE
THAT CERTAIN INFO DEVELOPED COULD BE EXPLORED MORE FULLY THRU
INVESTIGATION AT LATER TIME. AUSA LUONGO STATED HE HAD SOUGHT
AUTHORITY FROM USA GREENBERG TO GO TO DEPT. IN WASHINGTON AND ELICIT
ADVICE AND SUGGESTIONS AS TO PROCEDURE NORMALLY FOLLOWED. AUSA
LUONGO STATES HE WAS TOLD TO REQUEST DEPT. TO SEND EXPERT IN THIS
FIELD TO PH TO FURNISH WHAT ASSISTANCE NECESSARY. AUSA LUONGO
STATED HE PLANNED TO SUBMIT REQUEST FOR THIS ASSISTANCE ON JULY
FIFTEEN. CONFERENCES ON BLACK AND WINSTON CASES ALREADY HELD.
OTHERS LISTED ARE SCHEDULED DURING CURRENT WEEK.

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COMPRES. REUNTEL INSTANT. FOLLOWING IS IDENTIFYING DETAILS OF THE EIGHT INDIVIDUALS NO
NAMED IN MYSET JULY ELEVEN LAST. THOMAS L. BLACK, WAS., ESPIONAGE R, PH FILE SIXTYFIVE
DASH FOUR THREE THREE TWO, BUFILE SIXTYFIVE FIVE NINE ONE EIGHT NAUGHT. ALL PERTINENT
REPORTS UP TO AND INCLUDING REPORT OF SA ROBERT G. JENSEN DATED OCT. NINETEEN, FIFTYONE,
HAVE BEEN FURNISHED TO USA. THERE ARE NO PROSECUTIVE SUMMARIES. THIS MATTER HAS BEEN
DISCUSSED ON AT LEAST SEVERAL OCCASIONS WITH AUSAS IN PH, LAST TIME BEING JULY FOURTEEN
INSTANT. RODERICK KOENIG LSKA, ESPIONAGE R, IS ACT OF FIFTY, PH FILE SIXTYFIVE DASH
ONE EIGHT SIX EIGHT AND ONE TWENTYONE DASH THREE ONE ONE TWO, BUFILES ONE HUNDRED DASH
ONE NAUGHT NINE EIGHT AND ONE TWENTYONE DASH TWO TWO THREE EIGHT FOUR. ALL PERTINENT
REPORTS HAVE BEEN DELIVERED TO USA UP TO AND INCLUDING REPORT OF SA WILLIAM B. WELTE, JR.
DATED SEPT. TWENTYSEVEN, FIFTY. NO PROSECUTIVE SUMMARIES ARE PREPARED. THIS CASE WAS
DISCUSSED WITH AUSA APRIL TWENTYFOUR, FIFTYTWO, AND IS SCHEDULED FOR REDISCUSSION ON
JULY SIXTEEN, FIFTYTWO. STERLING TAYLOR ROCHESTER, SM DASH C, IS ACT OF FIFTY, PH FILE
ONE HUNDRED DASH TWO FOUR FIVE NINE, BUFILE ONE HUNDRED DASH THREE THREE ONE SEVEN FOUR.
ALL PERTINENT REPORTS UP TO AND INCLUDING REPORT OF SA CHARLES B. FINDLEY, JR. DATED JUNE

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cc: 65-4332 (THOMAS L. BLACK)
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121-3312 (RODERICK KOENIG LSKA)
100-2459 (STERLING TAYLOR ROCHESTER)
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SEVEN, FIFTYONE, HAVE BEEN FURNISHED USA. THERE ARE NO PROSECUTIVE SUMMARIES. CASE SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION WITH AUSA ON JULY FIFTEEN NEXT. CARL REEVE, WAS., IS C, REGISTRATION ACT, PHFILE ONE HUNDRED DASH THREE TWO THREE FIVE, BUFILE ONE HUNDRED DASH ONE TWO NINE NINE SEVEN. ON JULY TEN, FIFTYONE, USA WAS FURNISHED COPIES OF ALL PERTINENT INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS UP TO AND INCLUDING REPORT OF SA RICHARD W. HANSEN DATED MAY SIXTEEN FIFTYONE. THE PROSECUTIVE SUMMARY REPORT DATED NOV. THIRTEEN, FIFTYONE BY SA FORREST P. BURGESS WAS NOT FURNISHED USA. CONFERENCE WITH AUSA SCHEDULED FOR JULY FIFTEEN NEXT. CHARLES PATSY NYSE, LARA, PHFILE ONE TWENTYTWO DASH TWENTYFIVE, BUFILE ONE TWENTYTWO DASH THREE FIVE EIGHT. ALL REPORTS IN THIS CASE HAVE BEEN FURNISHED USA INCLUDING REPORT OF SA JOHN A. HEHNSTREIT DATED FEB. FIFTEEN, FIFTYONE. CONFERENCE WITH AUSA SCHEDULED FOR JULY FIFTEEN NEXT. DAVID NEUFELD, LARA, PHFILE ONE TWENTYTWO DASH NINETEEN, BUFILE ONE TWENTYTWO DASH TWO EIGHT SEVEN. PROSECUTIVE SUMMARY REPORTS OF SA HOWARD A. SEARL DATED NOV. TEN, FIFTY AND MARCH TWENTYSEVEN, FIFTYONE, WERE FURNISHED USA. CONFERENCE SCHEDULED WITH AUSA ON JULY SEVENTEEN NEXT. JAMES PRICE, LARA, PHFILE ONE TWENTYTWO DASH FIFTEEN, BUFILE ONE TWENTYTWO DASH ONE NINE FOUR. USA WAS FURNISHED COPIES OF ALL PERTINENT REPORTS UP TO AND INCLUDING REPORT OF SA JOHN A. HEHNSTREIT DATED FEB. TEN, FIFTYONE. CONFERENCE SCHEDULED WITH AUSA JULY SIXTEEN NEXT. ERIC WINSTON, IS DASH C, PAC, PHFILE ONE HUNDRED DASH TWO EIGHT FIVE SIX FIVE, BUFILE ONE HUNDRED DASH THREE SIX FOUR NINE SEVEN SEVEN. ALL PERTINENT REPORTS HAVE BEEN FURNISHED USA INCLUDING REPORT OF SA HOWARD A. SEARL DATED JUNE THIRTY, FIFTYONE. AUSA CONTACTED JULY ELEVEN LAST. NONE OF ABOVE CASES ARE UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR PROSECUTION UNDER SMITH ACT AT THE PRESENT TIME.

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VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION ON SECURITY INDEX CARD

MEMORANDUM

7-25-52

RE: THOMAS LESSING BLACK
IS - R

This Office File 65-4332

The following is the most recent residence address, place of employment and employment address of the above subject as contained on the subject's security card.

Residence: 530 Berks Street
Philadelphia, Pa.

Employment: Charles W. Berg Laboratories

Address: 1827 N. 5th St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Remarks:

It is requested that the residence address of the subject, place of employment and address of employment be verified and the proper notation be made below:

Residence: Same

Employment: Same

Address:

Verified by: SA ROBERT G. JENSEN

Method of Verification: Interview

Date: 7-24-52

The security index card on this subject should be revised if any changes are noted above.

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TO : SAC (65-1332)

FROM : SA MORRIS S. MARZENSTEIN

SUBJECT: THOMAS BLACK
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: 7/9/52

On 7/7/52 ALFRED I. LUONGO requested that an Agent consult with him regarding this case so that he could receive current information as to availability of witnesses, etc., preparatory to final decision regarding prosecution and/or Grand Jury.

An appointment was made for SA ROBERT G. JENSEN to meet with Mr. LUONGO on Monday, 7/14/52, at 9:00 A.M. SA JENSEN was advised.

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SAC, Philadelphia (65-4179)

DAVID ALEXANDROVICH UGER, was.
David A. Uger, David Uger, Adolph
Rabinowitz, "Michaels"
ESPIONAGE - R

Re New York report of SA RAYMOND J. RUCKEL, dated
June 25, 1952.

On July 24, 1952, THOMAS L. BLACK was interviewed
by SA ROBERT G. JENSEN. BLACK advised that he had never seen
or met the subject of instant case. BLACK advised that he had
no knowledge concerning the unidentified individual appearing
in the photograph that had been in the possession of DAVID A.
UGER in 1935. (u)

This matter is considered RUC.

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cc: 1 - New York (65-14754)

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SAC, Philadelphia (65-1333)

THOMAS E. BLANK, et al.
ESPIONAGE - R

Re my ltr, dated 7/21/52, regarding the prosecutive plans of the United States Attorney, Eastern District of Pennsylvania, in this case.

On 7/24/52, Assistant United States Attorney ALFRED L. LINDO advised he has spoken by telephone with Mr. JAMES J. Cavanaugh of the Department and has arranged for a discussion of this and other cases in Philadelphia on 8/18/52.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

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SAC, PHILADELPHIA (100-21,912)

MRS. EDITH GRUBER MICHAELS was;
INTERNAL SECURITY - R
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Re New York letter to Philadelphia, dated 6/19/52.

On July 10, 1952, HARRY E. HINDERLITZ, was interviewed at the U. S. Penitentiary, Lewisburg, Pa., by SA W. JAMES WOOD. GOLD advised he did not recognize Mrs. MICHAELS as anyone he had ever seen or met.

DAVID GREENGLASS, U. S. Penitentiary, Lewisburg, Pa., on July 22, 1952, advised SA W. JAMES WOOD that he did not know Mrs. MICHAELS.

THOMAS F. HART, July 11, 1952, advised SA ROBERT G. JENSEN that he had no knowledge concerning Mrs. MICHAELS.

This matter is being closed.

W. J. H.

cc: New York (100-9528)

Philadelphia (100-21,912)

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TO : SAC (65-1116)

DATE: 8-14-52

FROM : S. BOE W. G. J.

SUBJECT: BERNARD SCHUSTER, was

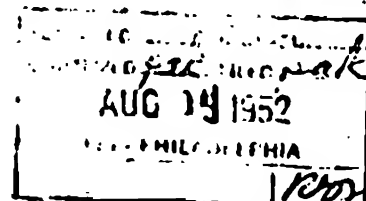
P. 13-52, and P. 13-51.

On 8-14-52, THOMAS L. BLACK was shown additional photographs of the subject of SA ROBERT G. JENSEN. BLACK advised he was unable to recognize the photographs of subject as anyone he had ever seen.

It is recommended this case be reassigned in order that other informants as listed in Bufile be contacted. Thereafter, the necessary report should be written.

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TO : SAC (65-4332)

FROM : ARTHUR J. G. MARNUM, Steno

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK
MISCELLANEOUS INFO CONCERNING

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I live almost directly across the street from the subject, my address being 529 West Marks; his being 530. The agent who was formerly assigned to this case, ROBERT JENSEN, knew of this fact.

From time to time I observe BLACK's activities while in the neighborhood. A few days ago I was informed by one of the neighbors living a few doors down from BLACK that she had observed him doing quite a bit of planting in the yard back of his place. This information was furnished while we were speaking about some of the people in the vicinity.

I have never spoken to BLACK, nor have I indicated any knowledge of his background. I keep strictly to myself.

AJGH

65-4332-968

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (65-4332)

FROM : SA CHARLES P. SILVERTHORN

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK, aka.
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: 10/23/52

THOMAS L. BLACK appeared at this office Thursday, 10/16/52, at 3:15 PM. BLACK said ever since he testified before the Federal Grand Jury one thing has been bothering him and he wished to bring it to the attention of the FBI.

(u) While sitting in the hall outside the Grand Jury Room, BLACK said he engaged Mr. LUONGO, AUSA, in conversation. BLACK attempted to determine his exact status regarding prosecution from Mr. LUONGO. LUONGO mentioned to BLACK that if he could tie him up with the assassination of LEON TROTSKY, BLACK would be in serious trouble. BLACK said this remark upset him a great deal, since he has made it plain at all times to the FBI that he had nothing to do with the assassination of LEON TROTSKY.

BLACK mentioned that the Assistant United States Attorney by implication while in the Grand Jury Room, was trying to show that he had something to do with the assassination of TROTSKY. LUONGO exhibited to BLACK the photographs of TROTSKY which the FBI had obtained from BLACK when they first interviewed him. These were numerous photographs of TROTSKY and was showing TROTSKY with some of his pets and some of the surrounding area where he lived. LUONGO asked BLACK in the Grand Jury Room "whether or not such photographs would have been useful in planning the assassination of TROTSKY." BLACK said he was so upset by that question the only thing he could answer at the time was that he supposed they could have been useful.

BLACK stated now that he has had more time to think calmly and clearly, it is his recollection that these photographs were obtained by him after the assassination of TROTSKY. He believes the approximate date that he obtained them can be fixed by the date of a plenum that was held by the Socialist Workers Party in Chicago shortly after the assassination of TROTSKY.

The purpose of this plenum was to endeavor to have all members of the SWP turn into party headquarters

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all memoirs, books, manuscripts, and personal effects that might have belonged to TROTSKY or may have been sent by TROTSKY to SWP members. This was done in order that these items could be preserved indefinitely in memory of TROTSKY.

(u) BLACK felt certain that he obtained these photographs of TROTSKY at this plenum. BLACK also believed that most of the personal items collected by the SWP of TROTSKY were to be turned over to the Harvard Museum because this museum already had a number of TROTSKY's manuscripts. Regarding the photographs, BLACK recalls that he got the photographs from the chairman of the plenum, JOSEPH VANSLER, who knew TROTSKY personally.

BLACK said he received the photographs after he went to VANSLER and asked for them. BLACK claims he obtained possession of these photographs to prevent Soviet agents from getting them. At that time, the Soviet agents were attempting to destroy all mentions of TROTSKY. As an example, he cited the film "Zar To LENIN". This film, according to BLACK, was assembled by MAX EASTMAN and three others in New York City and was a tribute to TROTSKY. It portrayed the history of the Russian revolution and portrayed TROTSKY in a very favorable light. After a short run in New York theatres, the producers of the film contacted the SWP and attempted to have this party buy the film in order that it could be preserved indefinitely. While the Socialist Workers Party was attempting to raise money to buy the film, Soviet agents went to New York, purchased the film, and destroyed it.

BLACK was questioned regarding what he ultimately intended to do with this film. BLACK claimed his whole idea was to keep the Soviets from destroying the film. When asked why he wanted to prevent the Soviets from destroying this film, BLACK answered in order to preserve history in a correct fashion. BLACK said although he was not a student of history, he felt that if he should ever study history thoroughly, he wanted to feel in his own mind that the Soviets had not completely changed the history of the Russian revolution by eliminating TROTSKY altogether.

BLACK believed that FBI investigation had already determined the date of the plenum of the SWP in Chicago, which is mentioned above. He stated at some later date, should he

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ever be indicted, he would like to find out from the FBI the exact date of this plenum in order that he could bring it to the attention of the appropriate authorities should that ever be necessary.

The writer was non-committal regarding the date of the plenum in Chicago.

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VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION ON SECURITY INDEX CARD

MEMORANDUM

1-6-53

Re: THOMAS LESSING BLACK
ESPIONAGE - R

This Office File 65-4332*

The following is the most recent residence address, place of employment and employment address of the above subject as contained on the subject's security index card.

Residence: 530 Berks Street
Philadelphia, Pa.

Employment: Charles A. Berg Laboratories

Address: 1827 North 5th Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Remarks: *No record cross telephone Directory.*

It is requested that the residence address of the subject, place of employment and address of employment be verified and the proper notation be made below:

Residence: *Same*

Employment: *Same*

Address: *Same*

Verified by: R: *Mr. C. Carroll*
E: *Mr. C. Carroll*

Method of Verification: R: *personally contacted by phone*
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R: *1-8-53*

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**THOMAS L. BLACK, was
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11/10/50 Case referred to U.S. Attorney, Philadelphia, by Department for prosecutive opinion.

3/5/51 AUSA MC CORMICK stated evidence insufficient to sustain conviction under Espionage or Misprision of Felony statutes.

4/30/51 MC INERNEY, AAO, Crim. Division, stated case came under Registration Act, requested all information be furnished U. S. Attorney, Philadelphia, to assist in questioning BLACK at Grand Jury hearing.

10/8/51 AUSA MC CORMICK advised BLACK would be called before Grand Jury in Nov. 1951.

11/19/51 AUSA MC CORMICK said BLACK would appear in Dec. 1951.

1/14/52 AUSA MC CORMICK died.

3/27/52 AUSA LUONGO said case just assigned him, would require study.

5/27/52 AUSA LUONGO said BLACK would be called before Grand Jury in July 1952.

7/15/52 AUSA LUONGO said BLACK would be called before Grand Jury in August 1952 at which time, after BLACK's testimony, he would solicit BLACK's registration under Registration Act.

7/30/52 AUSA LUONGO stated would discuss case with Mr. CANAVAN of Department at Phila. on 8/18/52.

10/3/52 BLACK appeared before Federal Grand Jury. AUSA LUONGO said he desired to review BLACK's testimony before making decision re prosecution.

11/25/52 AUSA LUONGO said he had not completely reviewed BLACK's testimony. Felt BLACK could not be prosecuted for Espionage, but planned to review his testimony for possible perjury violation.

2/19/53 AUSA LUONGO has not furnished opinion as of this date.

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VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION ON SECURITY INDEX CARD

6-9-53

MEMORANDUM

RE: THOMAS JESSING BLACK
ESPIONAGE - R

This Office File # **65-4332**

The following is the most recent residence address, place of employment and employment address of the above subject contained on the subject's security card.

Residence: 530 Berks St., Phila., Pa.

Employment: Charles W. Berg Laboratories

Address: 1827 N. 5th St., Phila., Pa.

Remarks: No listing in Address Telephone Directory

It is requested that the residence address of the subject, place of employment and address of employment be verified and the proper notation be made below:

Residence: *Same*

Employment: *Same*

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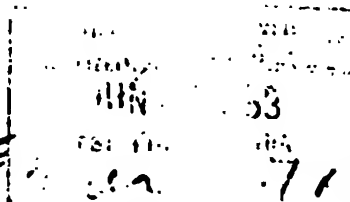
Verified by: *W. CHARLES SILVERTHORNE*

Method of Verification: *Interview with Subject*

Date: *5-21-53*

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MEMORANDUM

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Re. THOMAS L. BLACK
ESPIONAGE - R

This Office File # 65-4332

The following is the most recent residence address, place of employment and employment address of the above subject as contained on the subject's security index card.

Residence: 530 Berks St., Phila., Pa.

Employment: Charles W. Berg Laboratories

Address: 1827 N. 5th St., Phila., Pa.

Remarks:

It is requested that the residence address of the subject, place of employment and address of employment be verified and the proper notation be made below:

Residence: 530 West Berks St., Phila., Pa.

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Employment: Same

Address: Same

Verified by: M.C. Canoll

Method of Verification: Personal Interview in "65" matter

Date: 11/1

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The security index card on this subject should be revised if any changes are noted above.

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MEMORANDUM

RE: THOMAS L. BLACK
ESPIONAGE - R

This Office File 65-59111

The following is the most recent residence address, place of employment and employer's address of the above subject as contained on the subject's security index card.

Residence: 530 W. Berks St., Phila., Pa.

Employment: Charles W. Berg Laboratories

Address: 1827 N. 5th St., Phila., Pa.

Remarks:

It is suggested that the residence address of the subject, place of employment and employer's address of employment be verified and the proper notation be made below:

Residence: *Same*

Employment: *Same*

Address:

Verified by: *SAME Cause*

Method of Verification: *Personal interview*

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It is suggested that a card on this subject should be revised if any changes are noted above.

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TO : File 65-4332

DATE: November 8, 1957

FROM : SAC NORMAN H. MC CLE

SUBJECT: THOMAS LESSING BLACK, was:
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On the morning of November 8, 1957, Mr. CLEVELAND called from the Bureau and advised that in response to airtels received from this office, the Bureau had taken up with the Department the question as to whether we could tell the Philadelphia Police Department about the registration statement made by BLACK at the time he registered under the Foreign Agents Registration Act. Mr. CLEVELAND stated that the Department has advised that since BLACK'S statement is in very great detail and names a number of individuals in connection with other cases, the Department does not feel that the statement should be made public at this time. (u)

The Department suggests that we tell the Philadelphia Police Department the following:

BLACK registered under the Foreign Agents Registration Act, but his statement was withdrawn by the Attorney General in accordance with Section 6 of the Foreign Agents Registration Act and the statement therefore is part of the confidential file of the Department of Justice. (u)

Mr. CLEVELAND stated that, in response to our inquiry as to whether or not we could advise the Philadelphia Police Department about BLACK'S past cooperation with the FBI, the Bureau does not desire that this be done. (u)

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Man About Town

By Frank Brookhouser

ONE OF THE MOST SENSATIONAL STORIES turned up in the pages of that North Philadelphia chemical plant explosion which claimed the lives of ten firemen still hasn't come out. If it ever does it will be a shoo-in. Involves one of the key men at the plant. Both the D.A.'s office and the police have the facts.

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Man About Town

By Frank Brookhouser

ONE OF THE MOST SENSATIONAL STORIES turned up in the probe of that North Philadelphia chemical plant explosion which claimed the lives of ten firemen still hasn't come out. If it ever does, it will be a shocker. Involves one of the key men at the plant. Both the DA's office and the police have the facts.

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TO : SAC (65-4332)

DATE 11/17/54

FROM : SA HENRY B. H. LEE

SUBJECT: THOMAS DOUGLAS BLACK, was.
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On the morning of 11/16/54, the writer was contacted by Sergeant JOHN J. McBRIDE, Homicide Division, Philadelphia Police Department, in connection with an investigation being conducted by the Homicide Division of an explosion at the Berg Laboratories, 1827 North 5th Street, on 10/28/54. Sergeant McBRIDE advised that the Police Department had interviewed the above-captioned individual, a consultant chemist at Berg Laboratories, who had furnished the Police Department with a signed statement. In this signed statement, BLACK admitted that he was a former Soviet Espionage agent and further stated that subsequent to 1951, he had been cooperating with the FBI, and was presently on call by the FBI. BLACK also stated in the statement that he was making the statement with full approval of the FBI. (u)

Sergeant McBRIDE desired to know if BLACK was cooperating with us or if he had made this statement for his own protection. (u)

Reference to BLACK's file reflected that the Bureau was cognizant of BLACK's interview with the Police Department, and that the Bureau has specifically advised that information could be furnished to the Police Department concerning BLACK. (u)

Sergeant McBRIDE was contacted on the morning of 11/17/54, and furnished with that specific information authorized in SAC memo dated 11/8/54. He was not advised of BLACK's past cooperation with the FBI. (u)

Sergeant McBRIDE stated that this information was sufficient for his purpose and did not press the point concerning BLACK's past cooperation with the FBI. (u)

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In Our Town

By Earl Selby

Matter of Degree . . .

FROM THE ACTION WANTED FILE: The D. A. and police investigation of the Berg lab explosion that killed ten firemen has turned up an interesting story about a man named Thomas Leung Black.

Black has been the consulting chemist for the lab, starting almost ten years ago. As such, he was questioned in City Hall yesterday.

Black, who says he legally changed his first name to Thomas, was asked this question by Assistant District Attorney John Papola:

"Are you a graduate from any recognized college or university?"

Black answered: "Penn State, class of '29." Papola wanted to know what degree Black got. The answer: "Bachelor of Science." He then went on to explain he'd studied organic chemistry for two years and repeated that he'd graduated in 1929.

Actually, he didn't . . .

THE QUESTIONING on Nov. 4 was in the presence of a large group, including an attorney representing the Berg Laboratories.

The next day Black was questioned again - he volunteered to come in - but this time only Papola and Police Captain Dave Roberts were present. This Q. and A. between Papola and Black took place:

Q. Now, Mr. Black, you previously told us that you were a graduate chemist from Penn State?

A. That is correct.

Q. Is that a fact?

A. No, sir.

Q. Is it not? How long did you attend Penn State?

A. Four years, 1925 to 1929.

Q. Did you graduate from Penn State?

A. No, sir.

Black said he had started as a consultant with the Berg lab "in the summer of 1946, to the best of my recollection." The Q. and A. continued:

Q. At that time you were employed as a consultant chemist, is that correct?

A. That is correct.

Q. Were you requested to show any credentials to prove that you were a graduate chemist?

A. No, sir . . .

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TO THE INVESTIGATORS that was a significant commentary on how the Berg lab operated.

The investigators concede that, while he was a consulting chemist, Black had nothing to do with mixing any of the chemicals or cleaning the tanks involved in the explosion. As Black explained, he did partly "customer service work . . . ran analyses for customers when that was required, determined the efficiency of the product . . . and (developed) new products."

Black said he was hired on that basis by the late Charles W. Berg, the lab's former operator, starting a few days a week at first and then "practically full time."

But should Black have been hired as a consulting chemist?

Nothing in the law says he couldn't be. And yet the law does say that a corner drugstore must have a graduate— and registered—pharmacist on duty at all times.

Investigators are asking: If a corner druggist must be registered, shouldn't anyone working as a chemist in labs or firms dealing with potentially hazardous chemicals also meet some standards set by the state?

In short: Shouldn't everyone hired as a chemist in places with the explosion-potential of firms like the Berg lab be at least a graduate of a recognized college or university?

The investigators think the answer is yes . . .

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City moves to fix blame for blast that killed 10

City officials met behind closed doors today in action to be taken on responsibility for last Thursday's explosion which resulted in the deaths of 10 firemen.

Closed-door officials today included: Insp. John Driscoll, who is heading the probe; Walter S. Pytko, commissioner of licenses and inspection; Capt. William Ekeles, fire marshal; Asst. Dist. Atty. John Polak; Asst. City Solicitor James J. Ryan; Chief Medical Examiner Joseph Omer; Police Capt. David Roberts and other officials.

Ominsky is expected to announce cause of death of the 10 firemen. Autopsies were performed on most of the victims.

Eric K. Berg, of Elkins Park, and Walter Abus, of Williams Ave. near Mt. Pleasant Ave., owners of the Charles W. Berg Laboratories, 1877 N. 5th St., where the blast occurred, were to be questioned today.

Also called were Dr. Edward Burke, city chemist; employee of the plant; and other witnesses who might throw some light on the cause of the tragic explosion.

Several of the firemen injured in the blast still are in critical condition at Philadelphia General Hospital.

A drive was started today by the Women's Auxiliary of the Fire Fighters Association to bring financial aid to the widows and families of the 10 firemen.

"They need help, and right away," declared James J. Forbes, president-chairman of the Fire

Fighters' Union, Local 22, who is acting as spokesman for the Auxiliary.

He urged citizens to mail to the Women's Auxiliary, Fire Fighters' Association, 601, Abbott Bldg., 201 N. Broad St.,

"Every little bit will help," said.

Forbes said the families receive money from the Fire Department's Pension Fund, because of local red tape the

Hall in a top-drawer conference explosion at the Berg Laboratories.

to, not receive the money right away.

"But," he added, "the pension money will be far from enough to defray expenses for the families."

Many of the victims, Forbes said, were the fathers of young children. The 10th fireman to die, Bernard Junod, 42, of 2829 N. Rosehill St., Forbes said, was married and the father of six young children. His widow is expecting another child in several months, Forbes said.

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I, THOMAS L. BLACK, have received from Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, items of my personal property as listed below and on the following eighteen (18) pages:

ITEMS FROM LOT 773, BOX #3 - GOODS STORED AT VAN POZHAK FIREPROOF STORAGE:

Small address book containing name of HARRY GOLD

Two magazine pages entitled "Errors in Shaving Cream Manufacture"

Page 10 from the "Soap Gazette & Perfumer" entitled "Shaving Cream Saponification"

One copy "Instructions, Model P-39 Time-O-Lite, Professional"

Two handwritten sheets setting out background information on BLACK

A charter granted Black, Haller and their associates by the American Association For The Advancement of Atheism, Inc.

Union County Common Pleas Order for TASSO LESSING BLACK to assume the name THOMAS LESSING BLACK

Three typewritten pages addressed to GEORGE BREITMAN in answer to inquiry concerning Local 544's Union Defense Guard, signed CARLOS HUDSON.

Check stub No. 31692 reflecting \$50 paid BLACK by National Oil Products Company.

Treasury Department receipt for payment of taxes dated March 15, 1934.

Certificate of birth for BLACK.

Newspaper clipping entitled "Case Linked to Red Inquiry"

One handwritten 8 x 10 sheet addressed to Dr. FLASDORF dated May 1, 1942, enclosing 4 x 6 card reflecting address of FLASDORF.

Two 4 x 6 looseleaf pages bearing 28 names and addresses

Treasury Department receipt for taxes dated February 16, 1940

Portions of five Reminder Pads reflecting many names and addresses

Wooden vial containing two grams R. U. Powder.

Looseleaf pages dated March 10, 1932, bearing formula of latheriser shaving soap.

Eleven small sheets of paper bearing names and addresses of New Jersey residents.

Small card bearing 1931 calendar issued by International Labor Defense, New York.

Four 4 x 6 cards bearing handwritten notes.

Receipt for \$25 from Drs. BENJ. D. & WM. H. SILVERSTEIN.

Key chain containing six keys and eight assorted loose keys.

Pamphlet from the Three Dimension Corporation, New Holstein, Wis.

Green metal box with key which contained above-listed items.

ITEMS FROM LOT 446, BOX #53 - GOODS STORED AT VAN POZNAK FIREPROOF STORAGE.

Pamphlet entitled "Notes on Methods & Equipment for the Fluorometric Assay of Vitamin B."

Booklet entitled "Biology Blue Book 7B, 1930-32."

Small piece of paper bearing name EDWARD J. LEECH CO.

Business card of J. HARMOND FORD.

Paper approximately 2 1/2 x 8 bearing the name JOE LEAPER.

Piece of torn paper bearing the names MILNA, BRUCE SANFORD.

Analysis Report of the Tagro Chemical Company, New York City.

Letter from U.S. Post Office, Seattle, Wash., to BLACK.

Piece of paper bearing the name E. E. RINDL.

One 3 x 5 card containing the notation "Book Service Desk, Att. Miss WOODROW."

Piece of paper bearing notation HOWES PUB. CO.

Piece of paper bearing name NATHAN RUBINSTEIN.

Business Card of L. F. HIRST, RHODES CHEMICAL CORP.

Business Card of J. J. KISENHART, RHODES CHEMICAL CORP.

Bank statement from West Hudson National Bank with 15 cancelled checks.

ITEMS FROM LOT 773, BOX #24

Book "SOCIALISM ON TRIAL" by JAMES P. CANNON.

Book "LEON TROTSKY MEMORIAL ADDRESS, 'TO THE MEMORY OF THE OLD MAN'" by CANNON.

Book "HOW SOCIALISM WORKS," by JOHN STRACHEY.

Book "THE COMMUNIST PARTY, POLITICAL EDUCATION" by International Publishers.

Book "THE TWO WORLDS, POLITICAL EDUCATION" by International Publishers.

Book "FROM LEVIN TO STALIN," by VICTOR SERGE.

Cloth-bound book "PORTRAIT OF AMERICA" by DIEGO RIVERA.

ITEMS FROM LOT 773, BOX #22

Two rolls of 16 mm. film entitled "SIZING UP SIZES" by National Oil Products Company.

ITEMS FROM LOT 773, BOX #8

Booklet "PROFESSIONALS IN A SOVIET AMERICA" by EDWARD MACHUS.

Booklet "DOWN WITH WAR" by the N.Y. Labor News Company.

Booklet "VALUE, PRICE AND PROFIT" by KARL MARX.

Booklet "SOCIALISM--UTOPIAN AND SCIENTIFIC" by FREDERICK ENGELS.

Booklet "GERMANY, WHAT NEXT?" by LEON TROTSKY.

Booklet "WHY WE DEFEND THE SOVIET UNION" by ALBERT GOLDMAN.

Booklet "WHAT HAS BECOME OF THE RUSSIAN REVOLUTION" by International Review.

Booklet "SOVIET ECONOMY IN DANGER" by LEON TROTSKY.

Booklet "IN DEFENSE OF SOCIALISM" by ALBERT GOLDMAN.

Booklet "THE SOVIET PATENT LAW" by Co-operative Pub. Society of Foreign Workers in USSR.

Booklet "WHAT IS SOCIALISM?" by ALBERT GOLDMAN.

Booklet "UTERINE CONTRACTIONS" and the "TRANSPORT OF SPERM IN THE RAT" by I. ROSSMAN.

Booklet "THE TEACHINGS OF KARL MARX" by V. I. LENIN.

Booklet "SOCIALISM AND WAR" by G. ZINOVIEV and V. I. LENIN.

Song Book entitled "IPSL SONG BOOK."

Song Book entitled "SPARTACUS SONG BOOK" by Cultural Committee of the Spartacus Youth League.

ITEMS FROM LOT 446, BOX #74

Partial roll of 32 mm micro-film on penicillin.

Ninety-nine (99) stubs concerning patents and inventions.

Quantity of 4 x 6 cards covering sources of chemical supplies and equipment.

Western Union Telegram dated May 27, 1946 from JOSEPH LEAPER.

Large brown manila envelope addressed to AMERICAN ALKYL INDUSTRIES containing U.S. Patent Office publications and miscellaneous papers on chemistry and research.

ITEM FROM LOT 446, BOX #82

Hard-bound book entitled "ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN" containing 11 book requests from N.Y. Public Library and a piece of paper containing several notations.

ITEMS FROM LOT 446, BOX #70

Book "UNTHRODDED FIELDS OF ANTHROPOLOGY," two volumes in one.

Book "OUT OF THE NIGHT."

Book "PSYCHODYNAMICS OF ABNORMAL BEHAVIOR."

Book "BI-SEXUAL LOVE."

Book "THE HOMOSEXUAL NEUROSIS."

Book "IDEAL MARRIAGE."

Book "ANOMALIES AND CURIOSITIES OF MEDICINE."

Book "SADISM AND MASOCHISM."

ITEMS FROM LOT 446, BOX #80

Booklet "ATOMIC ENERGY FOR MILITARY PURPOSES" by HENRY D. SMITH.

Pamphlet "THE ATOMIC BOMB" by the Atomic Scientists of Chicago.

Public Affairs Pamphlet #65 entitled "THE RACES OF MANKIND" by RUTH BERNEDICT and GENE WELTFISH.

Book "THEATRE GUIDED" by NISIMAN LEVI.

ITEMS FROM LOT 773, BOX #28

Book "FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEMS OF MARXISM" by GEORGE PLEKHANOV.

Book "THE LIFE AND TEACHINGS OF V. I. LENIN" by R. PALME DUTT.

Book "ART AND SOCIETY" by GEORGE PLEKHANOV.

Book "THE SOCIAL REVOLUTION" by KARL KAUTSKY.

Book "MEMOIRS OF A REVOLUTIONIST" by P. KROPOTKIN.

Book "DIALECTICAL MATERIALISM" by V. ADORATSKY.

Book "LETTERS TO KUGELMANN" by KARL MARX.

Book "PHIOLOGY AND MARXISM" by PREMAN.

Book "CONSERVATIVE RADICALISM AND SCIENTIFIC METHOD" by WALFE.

Book "TEN DAYS THAT SHOOK THE WORLD" by JOHN REED.

Book "THE COMMUNIST MANIFESTO OF MARX AND ENGELS" by D. HIAZANOFF.

Book "TERROR IN OUR TIME" by R. W. BOWAN.

Pamphlet "MARXISM AND DARIENISM" by ANTON PANNEKOEK.

Pamphlet "PALESTINE, THE COMMUNIST POSITION, THE COLONIAL QUESTION" by
PAUL NOVICK.

Pamphlet "MARX-ENGELS-LENIN INSTITUTE, THE FOURTEENTH OF MARCH 1883" BY
FREDERICK ENGELS on the death of KARL MARX.

ITEMS FROM LOT 446, BOX #79

One wire grill approximately 12" square.

Brown filing folder tabbed "Furniture, Home."

Brown filing folder tabbed "Metal working and finishing."

Brown filing folder "book catalogue."

Brown filing folder "Furniture, lab."

Brown filing folder tabbed "miscellaneous" containing:

Manila folder tabbed "To be sorted."

Manila folder tabbed "Mildew."

Manila folder tabbed "Sorbosc and Fermentation."

Brown filing folder tabbed "Commercial Standards."

Brown filing folder tabbed "Berg Laboratories" containing sub-folders captioned:

"Berg Correspondence"

"Berg Laboratories, Textile stuff-etc."

Brown filing folder tabbed "miscellaneous literature bacteriology."

Brown filing folder tabbed "Absorbants."

Brown filing folder tabbed "ACP."

Brown filing folder tabbed "Finances" containing sub-folder captioned:
"purchases and receipts."

Brown filing folder tabbed "Correspondence" containing sub-folders captioned:

"Correspondence Received, etc."

"Correspondence Sent, etc."

"TO C. M. THORSEN COMPANY"

Brown filing folder tabbed "Legal (contracts) etc."

Brown filing folder tabbed "Personal" containing sub-folder captioned:

"Yank"

Brown filing folder tabbed "Photography."

Brown filing folder tabbed "PENICILLIN II."

Brown filing folder tabbed "PENICILLIN," containing sub-folder captioned:

"PEN.,-DRYING"

Brown filing folder tabbed "REV."

Brown filing folder tabbed "PEORIA."

Brown filing folder tabbed "PENICILLIN, MISC."

Brown filing folder tabbed "Assay Notes."

Brown filing folder tabbed "Rosin Refining."

Brown filing folder tabbed "Triglycerides-Alcoholysis."

Brown folder tabbed "Tall Oil, Descriptive."

Brown folder tabbed "Trade Literature Request."

Brown folder containing correspondence, invoices and notes.

Large brown envelope containing some typewritten slips tabbed Completed Abstract, and an advertising circular.

Large brown envelope containing handwritten scientific notes and a copy of "THE PHI BETA KAPPA" News Magazine.

Three copies of "American Photography" for April, May and June of 1945.

A sample of Kemrock about 2½" square.

ITEMS FROM LOT 446, BOX #75

Western Union Telegram dated January 24, addressed to ELACK.

Two letters from BEN FREEFIELD, one dated October 2, 1942, the other undated.

Envelope postmarked December 24, 1942 addressed to ELACK which contains three pages from the December 14, 1942 issue of "TIME" Magazine.

Greeting card bearing seal of New Jersey State Teachers College signed MORT SUNSHINE.

Envelope postmarked November 9, 1942 at Ft. Meade addressed to F. P. HELLER.

Letter addressed "Dear T.Y." signed "Your pal, Fern."

Yellow card bearing the name "NICHOLAS M. MOLNAR, Director...."

Letter addressed to "T.Y." signed "FERN."

Lined 5 x 7 notebook page starting with date February 1942.

Two pages 8 x 10 looseleaf paper headed "Some Suggestions on Photo-Sketching."

ITEM FROM LOT 446, BOX #82

Book entitled "KARL MARX'S 'CAPITAL' IN LITHOGRAPHS" by HUGO DELBERT.

ITEMS FROM LOT 446, BOX #40

Book entitled "QUALITATIVE ORGANIC ANALYSIS" by OLIVER KARR.

Book entitled "FRIENDS OF MINE" by GUSTAV ECKSTEIN.

ITEMS FROM LOT 773, BOX #3

Sheet of stationery of LOUIS BEEMAN, M.D., containing diet for BLACK.

Newspaper clipping containing photo of Sergeant JOHN WEIMAN, Fort Hancock.

Envelope and letter of American Cyanamid Company dated June 13, 1929.

Postal Telegram message dated November 6, 1940 at Hershey, Pa., to BLACK.

Black leather Diary for 1941 bearing inscription "National Oil Products Co."

Song book, 96 pages, entitled "I. W. W. Songs."

Savings book #45000 of West Hudson National Bank of Harrison.

Business card bearing name of EDWARD F. DE ALMO.

White card, 3 x 6, bearing pencil notes beginning "black suitcase put in storage."

Mimeographed sheet, 8 x 10 headed "Some Parodies for Revolutionaries to Sing."

Business card of CLAY-ADAMS CO., New York.

Five page laboratory report entitled "Synthesis of Pantothenic Acid."

Envelope of NOPCO containing laboratory report entitled "LUCIUS FITKINS, Inc., N.Y.C."

Partially torn white paper, 6 x 8, bearing notations including "Wayne, Tex Ave., book dealers."

ITEMS FROM LOT 446, BOX #35

Album of phonograph records containing 3 records, including "Songs for Democracy."

Album of phonograph records containing 3 records, entitled "Columbia Presents Songs of the Red Army."

Album of phonograph records, containing 11 records, one entitled "Casey Jones."

ITEMS FROM LOT 446, BOX #69

Record Album entitled "Forward March" consisting of 4 records. In the back of the album are two additional records.

ITEMS FROM LOT 773, BOX #27

Book LENIN -- "THE ISIRA PERIOD," Books I & II.

Book LENIN -- "MATERIALISM AND EMPIRIC CRITICISM."

Book LENIN -- "THE REVOLUTION OF 1917," Books I & II.

Book LENIN -- "THE IMPERIALIST WAR."

Book LENIN -- "TOWARD THE SEIZURE OF POWER," Books I & II.

Book CAPITAL -- "THE COMMUNIST MANIFESTO" by KARL MARX.

Book "HISTORICAL MATERIALISM" by BUKHARIN.

Book "SCIENCE AT THE CROSS ROADS."

Book "THE POSITIVE OUTCOME OF PHILOSOPHY" by DIETZEN.

Book "THIRD INTERNATIONAL AFTER LENIN" by LEON TROTSKY.

Book "ETHICS, ORIGIN AND DEVELOPMENT" by KROPOTKIN.

Books "CAPITAL" by KARL MARX, Volumes I, II & III.

ITEMS FROM LOT 446, BOX #64

Box containing:

Lantern Slide Binding

Slides of water lilies and landscapes

Two scissors
Loose 35 mm negatives

ITEMS FROM LOT 773, BOX 12

Song booklet entitled "Hymnsodie in Red - Songs for the Social Revolution"
by S. A. DE WITT.

One 4 x 6 card bearing a number of notations including the name of Dr.
CHARLES E. SANDO, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture.

ITEMS FROM LOT 773, BOX 125

Book entitled "CHEMICAL TECHNOLOGY AND ANALYSIS OF OILS, FATS AND WAXES"
by Dr. J. LEIZOWITZ. Vol. 1, 2, 3.

Book entitled "THE LABORATORY COMPANION TO FATS AND OILS INDUSTRIES" by
Dr. J. LEIZOWITZ.

Book entitled "ELECTRO-ANALYSIS" by EDGAR F. SMITH.

Book entitled "A TEXTBOOK OF MARXIST PHILOSOPHY" published by Leningrad
Institute of Philosophy under the direction of M. SHIMOKOV.

Piece of paper, approximately 12x3" containing miscellaneous notations in
red pencil.

ITEMS FROM PREMISES 1929 NORTH 6TH STREET

Torn yellow paper containing the date Sunday August 28.

Memorandum from Franklin Institute Library containing the name R. E. PORTER.

Memorandum from Franklin Institute Library containing the name W. M. MACKEY.

Memorandum from Franklin Institute Library containing the name H. KENNEDY.

Paper containing the name FAIRCHILD and FRENCH, Manufacturing Chemists.

Paper containing written notes with telephone Nos. FR-7-6551 and HL 6-2280.

White paper containing handwriting signed "CHAMLEY."

Memo from Franklin Institute containing title "Bar. 2 494 (1869)"

Memo from Franklin Institute Library containing name "E. C. FRANKLIN"

Memo from Franklin Institute Library containing title "Bar. 15,977 (1882)."

Memo from Franklin Institute Library containing title "Bar. 31,2344 (1898)."

Govt. Form PC-40 dated April 21, 1950, containing patent #2,130,505 & #2,311,062.

Memo from Franklin Institute containing the title "Am. Dyestuff Repr."

Memo from Franklin Institute Library containing name "A. W. RALSTON."

Science Service postcard postmarked June 10, 1949.

Pages 77 & 78 of "Oil Paint and Drug Reporter" dated June 13, 1949.

Memo from Franklin Institute Library containing title "JA C S 692 (1940)."

Check, cancelled, dated December 20, 1949, in amount of \$65.25, to Collector of I. R.

Check, cancelled, dated March 14, 1949, in amount of \$65.25 to Collector of I. R.

Check, cancelled, dated June 15, 1949, in amount of \$65.25 to Collector of I. R.

Check, cancelled, dated Sept. 15, 1949, in amount of \$65.25 to Collector of I. R.

Declaration of Estimated Income Tax for 1950 in amount of \$302.00.

Magazine "Chemical Processing" for February 1950.

Magazine "Journal of the Franklin Institute" for May 1950.

Science News Letter dated May 20, 1950. (Contained in previously listed magazine)

Magazine "National Geographic" for June 1950, containing a map "North Western United States and Neighboring Canadian Provinces."

Newspaper "The Journal of Commerce" dated June 9, 1950.

A 1949 yearbook.

Income Tax return copy for 1949 Federal Tax for BLACK.

Envelope addressed to BLACK postmarked June 1950 with letter signed "JOE."

Four memos from the Franklin Institute Library.

Patent order slip for copy of Patent 2,311,062.

Piece of 35 mm film with pictures of individuals contained therein.

Piece of 35 mm film containing a photograph of documents.

Foreign postcard from "FRED" addressed to BLACK.

Voucher containing the name KIEFER on its back.

Clipping from the "New York Times" dated March 29, 1950.

Envelope addressed to "TOM," containing card of Mr. and Mrs. F. BRUCE SANFORD.

Postcard postmarked June 3, 1950, addressed to BLACK and signed JOE.

Folder containing numerous miscellaneous papers and patents.

Folder marked "Clippings" containing numerous clippings.

Folder marked "Lab Apparatus S.G.A." containing technical material and drawings.

Folder containing back books, magazines and miscellaneous papers.

Folder containing patents, technical clippings and miscellaneous papers.

Folder containing miscellaneous clippings and letters.

Torn matchfolder containing notations, first being INGERSOLL.

Magazine "Scientific American" dated May 1950.

Yellow card containing handwritten notes.

Page from the "EVENING BULLETIN" for May 13, 1950.

Folder containing miscellaneous papers, notes and patents.

1943 Appointment Record Book.

Notebook entitled "Things To Remember For the Year 1948."

Notice of Income Tax Installment due dated March 15, 1950.

Copy of U.S. Patents:

#2461300
#2182056
#2442531
#2443184
#2417329
#2461048
#2455812
#2305619
#2445931
#2463734
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#2032313
#1970578
#1918372
#2032314
#1737792
#1918373
#1932180
#2342786

Copy of French State Patent #886365.

Science News Letter for June 28, 1947.

Science News Letter for November 9, 1946.

Deposit Ticket to Industrial Trust Company dated December 14, 1948.

Postal card with name crossed out.

Envelope and Christmas card dated December 18, 1948.

Kugel Bros. Invoice #03653.

Yellow sheet of paper, approximately $8\frac{1}{2}$ x 10 containing notations.

Twenty-five (25) Franklin Institute Library book requests.

Envelope and letter postmarked Seattle; return address 2520 East No Grav, Seattle.

Envelope and Christmas card with subscription card inside.

Envelope with three warehouse receipts.

Folder of clippings.

Folder containing magazine pages and clippings.

Large number of loose clippings.

Paper re film "Atomic Physics."

Electric Time Service Invoice #J9447.

Paper with miscellaneous notes and card attached.

Clipping from Oil Paint and Drug Reporter.

Five papers containing miscellaneous chemical notes.

Photostatic copy of U.S. Patent #590951.

Small black diary.

Envelope containing letter from Germany.

Empty envelope from FRED HELLER.

Five page letter.

Letter dated November 5th.

Promissory Note dated May 10, 1947.

Book of telephone numbers.

Page listing purchases by ELACK in 1946.

Envelope and letter postmarked Fresno, Calif., July 15, 1946.

Yellow card containing the name BENJAMIN CLAYTON.

Envelope and card from B. EDELSTEIN, Chicago.

Letter dated April 14, 1950 consisting of two pages.

Letter from PERCY HLIE dated April 18, 1950.

Scrap of yellow paper containing the name MORRIS FREEDMAN.

Envelope for MORRIS HELPRIN.

Personal telephone directory.

Envelope containing information re microfilm.

Piece of graph paper containing miscellaneous notes.

Proposal card of the Franklin Institute.

Wedding announcement.

Sheet from "Science News Letter" dated October 29, 1949.

Clipping contained name H. E. KIBBE.

Envelope and Christmas card.

Sheet of paper containing some notes.

Key for desk.

Sheet of paper containing miscellaneous notes.

Page 84 from "Current Topics."

Philadelphia PTC Map.

Check on West Hudson National Bank dated September 14, 1946.

Telephone numbers book.

American Invoice #B23961.

Envelope addressed to SIDNEY LEES.

ITEMS FROM BLACH'S DECK AND FILE AT C. W. BERG LABORATORY

Photostat of French patent #386,365 (5 pages).

Invoice of Philadelphia Brick Company dated February 27, 1947.

Card, 5 x 8, containing notations, including name "HILDITCH T. P. (books)."

Business card for the Britania Restaurant, New York City.

Envelope postmarked November 12, 1946 containing letter to ERNEST SEGESSEMAN from HENRY L. KAPLAN, M.D.

Calendar page for September 2, 1949 containing some notations.

Photostatic copy of Swiss Patent #223067 (6 pages).

White 5 x 8 sheet of paper containing telephone number SH 7-9041.

Small piece of paper containing the initials "A.C.P." at the top.

Torn piece of white paper reflecting words "KOPPERS, MR. LARNER, Lo. 4-1215."

Sheet of paper, 8½ x 10½, listing nine names first of which is "MALMSTRAM."

Business card of the O. F. Zurn Co.

Business card of Metallizing Company of America, New York.

Torn piece of brown paper containing name "SALT" written in red pencil.

Envelope and Christmas card from Seattle, Wash., postmarked December 23, 1946.

White 5 x 8 sheet of paper bearing a number of notations including telephone number TR. 7-3400.

White 5 x 8 sheet of paper containing the name of A. ABRA ORLINGER.

Pamphlet entitled "Flothproofing."

Yellow 5 x 8 card containing a number of notations including "Filtrol, 50 lb.,"

Business card of Pine Organics, Inc., in New York.

Small piece of white paper with notation beginning "Armour & Co. ..."

White 5 x 8 sheet of paper containing notation beginning "J.M.F.L."

Business card of "Acheson Colloids Corp."

Red Cardboard folder on which is written a number of notations starting with "Amble 0891 M."

White slip of paper, approximately 1 1/2 x 2, headed "Black List."

White 4 x 8 sheet of paper containing the notation "MO.2-5745, J.D. Stein."

Seven sheets of 8 1/2 x 11 graph paper, two of which contain information on "Suffocation of Methyl Naphthalene."

5 x 8 card on which is pasted a label of "Barium & Chemicals, Inc., Willoughby, Ohio."

Lined card, 5 x 8, containing an unidentified chemical formula.

Lined card, 5 x 8, containing the notation "F.P.M., Hotel Leland, Richmond, Ind."

Turn piece of white paper containing notations headed "Who Has What?"

Business card of Dr. JOSEPH D. SKILLION, Dentist, Philadelphia.

Business card of Metal-Glass Products Company, Upper Darby, Pa.

Business card of U.S. Steel Products Company, Philadelphia, Pa.

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TO : SAC (65-4332)

DATE: 5/17/56

FROM : SA CHARLES P. SILVERTHORN

SUBJECT: THOMAS LESSING BLACK
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At 9:04 a.m., 5/17/56, HARRY GLAVER, of the "Daily News," telephonically contacted ASAC EARL BROWN and advised that THOMAS L. BLACK was going to testify before the Senate Internal Subcommittee today in Washington, D. C. GLAVER inquired if there was any public source material available giving BLACK's current residence. (u)

The writer located information in Serial 1029 of BLACK's file, Newark letter 4/20/56, which set forth BLACK intended to move 5/1/56 from Englishtown, N. J., to 708 High Street, Apartment E2, Newark, N. J. No information appeared in file that BLACK's current residence was listed in any public source material. (u)

At approximately 9:24 a.m., 5/17/56, ASAC EARL BROWN contacted the "Daily News" and advised that after checking, we could find no public source material listing BLACK's current address and we would have to stick with "no comment" as far as the inquiry is concerned. Mr. BROWN suggested that the "Daily News" contact the Senate Subcommittee that is conducting the investigation for the desired information. (u)

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TO : SAC (65-4332) (154-279)

FROM : CHARLES J. BLOUNT, CLERK

SUBJECT: THOMAS LESLIE BLACK,
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DATE: 5/20/56

At 10:40 P.M. instant date SA JAMES HARVEY, NK office, telephonically contacted this office and advised that subject wished to know if the Bureau had any objections to his writing of a series of articles for a New York newspaper. He further stated that he had at one time instructed HARRY GOLD to cease his espionage activities for the sake of his family. Black subsequently requested Bureau agents to confirm his request to GOLD. Black now wants to know if it is all right with the Bureau to print this fact in his article. (u)

At 10:53 P.M. Supv. Harzenstein was advised and he handled. (u)

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TO : SAC (65-4332)(134-279)

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Russian Tells Of Seeing Many U. S. Secrets

Police Turned Over Radar Data to Him in Soviet, Refugee Says

Washington, May 17 — (UP)

Senate investigators today disclosed testimony of a Russian refugee who said he saw thousands of secret U. S. radar documents in Moscow during World War II. The Senate Internal Security subcommittee made public testimony given secretly by the Russian, who goes under the assumed name of F. Andriyev. The subcommittee said he was afraid to testify publicly.

It also heard chemist Thomas Black, of Newark, N. J., testify that he gave industrial secrets to Soviet agents from 1933 to 1940 and first introduced atomic spy Harry Gold to the Russians.

Blew Dissatisfied

Black said he grew dissatisfied with the Russians in 1940, but feared he would be killed if he broke away.

The Andriyev testimony said that in 1941 he was a researcher in the signal corps military research institute in Moscow, with the job of examining foreign documents brought to him by the secret police. He said the documents, 90 per cent of them of U. S. origin, dealt with electronic tubes used in radar sets and with telephone communications.

Came From RCA

The refugee said the Russians also had descriptions of the U. S. sound control approach system for landing aircraft and "artillery voices." He said most of the documents were classified the secret, top secret or confidential.

Andriyev said most of the documents clearly originated in the United States. But he could recall only two sources: The Army Signal Corps laboratories at Fort Monmouth, N. J., and the Radio Corporation of America (RCA).

He said a friend told him the flow of documents continued in 1945, after he was transferred to another job.

Got Data Regularly

Andriyev said Soviet secret police brought him the documents



Associated Press Wirephoto
Thomas L. Black

regularly. But he did not know how the police obtained them. Sometimes the information was very fresh," he said.

Some of the documents were Soviet-made enlargements from microfilm, he said.

Subcommittee counsel Robert Morris told reporters he could not say whether the documents reached the Russians through spies or lend-lease. But he noted that they reached Andriyev through the secret police.

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TO : SAC (65-4332)

DATE: 5-22-56

FROM : SA MORRIS S. HARZENSTEIN

SUBJECT: THOMAS BLACK
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About 10:50 P.M. on Sunday, 5-20-56, SA JAMES HARVEY of the Newark Office telephoned the Philadelphia Office and spoke with clerk, CHARLES BLOUNT, who relayed his questions to the writer at home by telephone. The writer discussed the matter telephonically with SA CHARLES SILVERTHORN to obtain any additional factual information, then with the SAC for purposes of briefing to correlate policy. The writer then spoke by telephone with SA HARVEY of the Newark Office. The questions raised by BLACK with the Newark Office have been recited in Newark's teletype of 5-21 and are therefore not repeated herein. (u)

SA HARVEY was advised that from memory it was believed that about 1953 BLACK had indicated his intention to write a book or articles regarding his experiences and had asked whether permission would be given for this. He was told at that time that the FBI could not censor his articles. He was cautioned, however, not to reveal information regarding the national security and he volunteered to submit anything he intended to write to the FBI, although it was made clear to him that we would not censor his material, nor clear, nor refuse to clear it. About 1953 a secret indictment was found against JOSEPH KATZ who was then in France. KATZ was of interest in the Gregory case among others, and the fact that the Bureau was aware of his activities had never been publicized. It was accordingly feared that articles by BLACK might adversely affect the Bureau's ability to apprehend KATZ by publicizing the fact that we knew of him. On the other hand, for the past few weeks, prior to BLACK's appearance before the Senate Internal Security Sub-Committee at Washington, the Bureau instructed that no admonition be given him regarding the KATZ matter. (u)

SA SILVERTHORN had no knowledge regarding any request made by BLACK to be advised as to whether GOLD had confirmed his allegations that he had asked GOLD to leave the espionage racket for the sake of his family. (u)

(On 5-21 the matter was further discussed with SA ROBERT HOLMES who had participated in the original interviews with BLACK in 1950. SA HOLMES had no recollection that BLACK had at that time made such a claim or such a request. No research is currently being performed in the file to establish the accuracy of BLACK's claim.) (u)

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The background as it was known to Philadelphia was furnished SA HARVEY. It was suggested to him that any decision would ultimately have to come from the Bureau, but that it was believed that the Bureau would continue to refuse to censor, clear, or refuse to clear BLACK's articles. It was further believed that even if BLACK had claimed to have given such advice to GOLD, and even if BLACK had made the request for confirmation to agents interviewing him, he was not entitled to receive an answer and therefore there was no occasion to comply with his request at this time. These views were incorporated into the Newark teletype to the Bureau on a UACB basis. (u)

SA HARVEY mentioned that the agent handling BLACK at the Nk Office had told him that BLACK had revealed KATZ's name in giving testimony at Washington. (u)

Chemist Cleared On Loyalty Check

NEWARK, N. J., May 21 (AP). — A 48-year-old chemist will get his job back in a Newark plant from which he was barred after he testified as a former Communist spy before a Senate group.

Arthur P. Schroeder, Jr., president of Atlas Refinery, Inc., said today he would readmit Thomas L. Black, the chemist, as soon as Black gets Governmental clearance.

In Washington, Robert P. Morris, subcommittee counsel, said the subcommittee will help the Atlas Co. to obtain "whatever security clearance Black's job requires."

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Atlas Co. Would Rehire Former Communist

Newark, N. J., May 22—(UP)—The president of Atlas Refinery Co. promised yesterday to rehire Thomas L. Black if the one-time Communist passed a battery of security checks by the Army, Navy and Air Force.

Black was fired by Arthur F. Schroeder, Jr., president of Atlas, on Friday after Black testified about Soviet spy activities before the Senate Internal Security subcommittee.

Schroeder said "Atlas has no intention of penalizing Black for his co-operation with the committee. Our concern is for the security of our plant and our country."

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